

THE SCOTTISH LIFE ARCHIVE

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Inverurie, August, 1974. SLA 19/2/37
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Newton-on-Ayr, c1950s.
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Tea party, in 1954 at
Congalton Gardens, East Lothian.
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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 100,000 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 3000 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 100 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.

Finding List

The Finding list for the Scottish Life Archive is held in the Research Library

How to access the archive

The Scottish Life Archive is open to everyone, from students and academics undertaking research to those with an interest to discover more about Scottish life in an historical context. You can access examples of our collections in our collections search and at www.scran.ac.uk, the award-winning website which gives you access to over 336,500 high quality images and multimedia files, all copyright cleared for educational use.

If you are unable to find the material you are looking for online, you can visit the Scottish Life Archive at the National Museum of Scotland Research Library, Chambers Street, Edinburgh. You can also enquire about the collection in person at the Research Library.

Research Library Opening hours

Monday to Friday 1000 - 1700

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

Comparative material:

other European countries		other continents	
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CZE	Czechoslovakia	AFR	Africa
DEN	Denmark	AME	America
ENG	England	ASIA	Asia
IRE	Ireland	AUST	Australia
NOR	Norway		
WAL	Wales		

