



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. The Society keep their own more recent records.

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1. Correspondence

Incoming

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| 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. | 1828-1832 | ditto |
| | 1833-1852 | No correspondence |
| 8. | 1842-1852 | ditto |

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| | 1853–1855 | Incoming letters |
| 1. | 1780-1781 | "Letters relative to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland". Bound up. Includes letters received and some copies of letters sent out by 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 |

Outgoing

1907-1913 Secretary's wet-copy letterbook

2. Minutes

1780-1784
 1784-1805
 1805-1827
 1827-1840
 1840-1853
 1853-1868
 1868-1880
 1880-1887
 1887-1896
 1896-1901
 1901-1913
 1913-1918 (with separate index)
 1918-1925 (with separate index)
 1926-1934 (with separate index)
 1934-1946 (with separate index)
 1946-1956 (with separate index)

Council Minutes

1956-1965
 1965-1974

Other Records

1822-1827	Notes for the preparation of Minutes
1827-1837	Scroll book of the Minutes of the Society (seem to be again rough notes for the minutes)

3. Agendas and Circulars

Agendas for Council and Committees

1881-1883
1883-1887
1887-1890
1890-1893
1893-1898
1899-1903
1903-1908
1909-1919
1920-1931
1931-1951

Circulars and Billets of Meetings

1824-1826	Including one from 1781
1824-1831	Including Rhind lectures
1848-1856	Including Rhind lectures
1857-1871	Including Rhind lectures
1871-1884	Including Rhind lectures
1884-1892	Including Rhind lectures
1867-1892	Billets of Meetings of Society. Included at start is a letter addressed to the Schoolmasters of Scotland, recommending the Society to their notice.
1892-1911	Billets of Meetings and accounts
1912-1923	ditto: and Rhind Lecture Syllabi
1923-1933	ditto
1933-1943	ditto

4. Financial Records

Accounts

1780-1785	
1827-1844	
1859-1892	
1880-1888	
1888-1895	
1895-1901	
1901-1907	
1907-1914	
1914-1920	
1944/5-1968/69	
1969/70- date (1990)	
1874-1959	Account book of Rhind Fund
1919-1959	Accounts (several different funds, nos 2,3,4,5,7,8)
1946-1954	Treasury grant accounts (box file) 5
1973-1978	Accounts for sales of publications

Cash Books

1813-1826	Cash book (separate account for 1829 on loose sheet inside)
1927-1932	
1922-1927	
1932-1936	
1941-1947	
1947-1957	
1957-1964	
1951-1966	Cash book - various funds
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

Subscriptions

1814-1820	
1825-1826	
1825-1834	
1834-1836	
1850-1859	
1860-1870	(called Treasurer's index)

5. Founding of Society

- 1780 Discourse delivered by Rt. Hon. Earl of Buchan at meeting to promote a society of antiquarian interests in Scotland.
- 1780 Statutes of Society and list of members
- 1778-1787 "Papers relating to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland". Bound up circulars and correspondence relating to the founding of the society.

6. Fellows

Recommendations of Fellows

- 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

7. Newspaper cuttings

- 1913-1933 General
- 1933-1953 ditto
- 1953-1968 ditto
- 1968-1981 ditto
- 1970-1975 Supplementary
- 1968-1973 Index to archaeology scrapbook
- 1908-1943 Concerning meetings and Fellows deceased

8. Book and Slide Catalogues

Books

- Nd "Catalogue of ross."
- Nd "Scroll catalogue of mss."
- Nd Ms. indexed catalogue of books in the library of the society
- 1849-1869 Library books borrowed noted under name of Fellow

Slides

- Nd "Guide to slide collection"
- Nd "Duplicate lantern slide list (two copies)"
- Nd "Duplicate list of lantern slides: Antonine Wall, Newstead, Rhind Lectures (A. O. Curie), Bar Hill, Misc., Sculptured Stones, Traprain Tr."
- Nd "List of lantern slides used in communications to the Soc. Ant. Scot."

9. Other Societies

Iona Club

- 1833 Notice of founding
1833 Ledger: notes of payments by individuals
1835-1840 Journal (Financial)

Minor Society of Scottish Antiquaries

- 1783-1785 Ms. copy (20th C) of the minute book of the Minor Society of Scottish Antiquaries. In Bodleian Gough MS Scotland 2

10. 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. list of donations to the Society during the recesses.
- 1827-1836 Diary of the Secretaries of the Society (indexed at back)
- 1828-1830 Secretary's notebook with notes of correspondents. Fellows who promised papers, etc.
- 1897 Copies of Memoranda for Society of Antiquaries of Scotland - proposed move to present museum premises
- Nd Specimens of certificates of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
- Nd File of names of people discovering coins and treasure trove files of mss and deeds both extracted from the proceedings.
- 1828-1829 The New Scots Magazine, issues no. 1-3
- Nd Book of tabs, printed A-N each page, with ms numbers, a number cut out