

## Organisations' records in Special Collections

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### The Wolfson Reading Room

#### Special Collections Centre

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## Introduction

Many organisations have deposited their papers with the University and as a result, it has acquired an unrivalled collection of material relating to the north-east of Scotland.

The University holds records of numerous types of organisations including clubs/societies/co-operatives, employer associations, political organisations, statutory bodies and trusts.

## Churches

The Historic Archives of the Scottish Catholic Archives predominantly relate to the Catholic Church from the 12<sup>th</sup> century prior to the restoration of the Scottish Catholic Hierarchy in 1878. The collection contains material of regional, national and international significance and provides evidence of the survival of Catholicism both in Scotland and abroad through the archives of its missions, seminaries and colleges (SCA).

Scottish Episcopal Church, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, including many individual churches: 17<sup>th</sup> century – 20<sup>th</sup> century (MS 3320).

The records of St Andrew's Cathedral Aberdeen have been catalogued separately:  
c. 1700 - 1989 (MS 3499).

St Clement's Church, Aberdeen: register of baptisms: 1837 – 1885 (MS 1015).

Collegiate Church of Turriff: register: 1548-1558: Also includes notes made in the 20<sup>th</sup> century (MS 2255).

## Clubs, societies and co-operatives

Aberdeen and North of Scotland Zoological Society: 1961 – 1978 (MS 2990).

Aberdeen and Northern Friendly Society: 1855 – 1973 (MS 3182).

Aberdeen Amateur Athletics Club (including, Aberdeenshire Harriers, Aberdeen Y.M.C.A. Harriers and the North Eastern Harriers' Association): 1902 – 2016 (MS 3962).

Aberdeen Clarion Club: 1899 – 1909 (MS 2467).

Aberdeen Clerical Association: 1858 – 1907 (MS 3337/16).

Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society: 1894 – 1902 (MS 2452).

Aberdeen Institution for the Deaf and Dumb: 1840 – 1918 (MS 3428).

Aberdeen Literary Debating Society: 1836 – 1837 (MS 518).

Aberdeen Lyceum Club: 1831 – 1833 (MS 546 & MS 1085).

Aberdeen Medical Club: 1868 – 1875 (MS 2630).

Aberdeen Natural History Association: 1845 – 1851 (MS 544).

Aberdeen Philosophical Society: 1758 – 1773 (MS 145, MS 539 and MS 3107). See also papers of Ledingham Chalmers, solicitors, below.

Aberdeen Philosophical Society: 1840 – 1939 (MS 597).

Aberdeen Preachers' Society papers: 1832 – 1834 (MS 1078).

Aberdeen Royal Horticultural Society: 1841 – 1982 (MS 2635).

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Linen and Comfort Guild: 1931 – 1994 (MS 3735).

Aberdeen Saturday Whist Club: 1894 – 1912 (MS 2056).

Aberdeen Shipmasters' Society: 1590 – 1965 (MS 2940 & MS 3070).

Aberdeen Social Chess Club: 1859 – 1863 (MS 1085).

Aberdeen Society of Probationers: 1834 – 1838 (MS 541).

Aberdeen Stock Exchange: 1845 – 1952 (MS 2756).

Aberdeen Union Perseverance Society: 1818 – 1852 (MS 543).

Aberdeen University Club, London papers: 1888 – 1984 (MS 3209).

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Aboyne Circulating Library papers: 1839 – 1855 (MS 3495).

Alford Mutual Improvement Association Library papers: 1912 – 1929 (MS 3438).

American Society for Archaeological Research in Asia Minor: 1901 - 1959 (MS 3286).

Ballater Mutual Improvement Association: 1889 – 1927 (MS 2632).

Banchory Farmer Friendly Society: 1776 – 1866 (MS 3244/7).

Bethany House: volume containing notes on services and the management of the house: mid 19<sup>th</sup> century (MS 2801).

Bon Accord Society in Aberdeen: 1778 – 1810 (MS 48).

British Astronomical Association Aurora Section: 1964 – current (MS 3152).

Buchan Coursing Club: 1854 – 1881: (MS3004/351 and MS 3004/V41).

Buchan Medical Society: 1862 - 1935 (MS 1163/2).

Cairngorm Club papers: 1889 – 1990 (MS 3405).

Chanonry Cricket Club: 1858 – 1880 (MS 587).

County Club of Aberdeen: 1718 – 1873 (MS 2188).

Deeside Field Club: 1920 – 2006 (MS 3775).

Dundee Celtic Club: 1872 – 1875 (MS 2310).

Dyke Friendly Society: 1800 – 1834 (MS 3881).

Fintray (Aberdeenshire) Mutual Instruction Class: minute book and notebook of births, marriages and deaths: 1857 – 1884 (MS 3565).

Free Master Gardeners of Fintray: 1818 – 1842 (MS 1024).

Friends of Aberdeen University Library: 1957 – current (UNIVERSITY 1037).

Gardener Fraternity of Old Aberdeen: 1821 – 1864 (MS 41).

Garioch and Northern Medical Association: 1854 – 1925 (MS 1163/1).

Gordon's Mill Farming Club, Aberdeen: 1758 – 1764 (MS 49).

Highland Society of Scotland: 1786 – 1814 (MS 960-MS 963).

Historical Association, Aberdeen Branch: 1927 – 1994 (MS 3572).

John Crawford's Trust, Kelso: 1664 – 1827 (MS 2769/II/9).

Kennethmont, Clatt and Leslie Total Abstinence Society: 1878 – 1886 (MS 3630).

Kincardineshire Unionist Association minute book (copy): 1901 – 1930 (MS 2725).

Merchant Society of Old Aberdeen: 1700 – 1901 (MS 42, MS 44 – MS 47).

Newhills Liberal Association minute book: 1878 - 1881 and 1899 – 1900 (MS 4031).

New Deer Agricultural Association: 1837 – 1845 (MS 3387).

North East of Scotland Music Festival: 1909 – 1913 (MS 3237).

Old Aberdeen Savings Bank: 1816 – 1860 (MS 638).

Old Machar Parochial Association: 1864 – 1868 (MS 1020).

Our Club, Aberdeen: 1825 – 1841 (MS 596).

Royal Horticultural Society of Aberdeen: 1841 – 1982 (MS 2635).

Scottish Co-operative Women's Guild, Greyfriars Branch, Aberdeen: 1922 – 1944 (MS 3325).

Scottish Ornithologists' Club, Aberdeen Branch: minutes and related papers: 1947 – 2011 (MS 3835) and (MS 3875).

Spalding Club: 1839 – 1869 (MS 604 – MS 612, MS 848, MS 973, MS 2264).

New Spalding Club: 1886 – 1928 (MS 485 – MS 486, MS 607, MS 613, MS 2257, MS 2264, MS 2529 and MS 3023).

Third Spalding Club: 1928 – 1956 (MS 2256, MS 2258 – MS 2259, MS 2492 & MS 3252).

Stonehaven Music Club: scrapbooks: 1950 – 2006 (MS 3866).

Union of Women Workers: 1900 – 1926 (MS 2769/II/126).

Woodside Oldgroves Farmers Friendly Society: 1792 – 1832 (MS 2769/II/123).

## **Employee associations**

Aberdeen Association of Civil Engineers: 1900 – 1966 (MS 3278).

Aberdeen Fish Curers and Merchants Association: 1888 – 1947 (MS 3054).

Aberdeen Fish Salesmen's Association: 1896 – 2003 (MS 3874).

Aberdeen Trawlowners and Traders Engineering Company Ltd.: 1900 – 1971 (MS 3248).

Well Services Contractors Association minutes: 2002 – 2008 (MS 3851).

## **Political organisations**

Communist Party, Socialist, and Trades Union literature: 1886-1997 (MS 2664).

Liberal Association, Aberdeen, minutes: 1878 – 1923 (MS 2472 – MS 2473).

Liberal Party, executive committee minutes, circulars, election papers in Aberdeenshire constituencies: 1930s – 1960s (MS 3037).

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Local Labour Party branch records 1920s – 1960s (Aberdeen City, Banffshire, Keith) (MS 2663, MS2891 and MS 2892).

Kincardineshire Unionist Association minute book (copy): 1901 – 1930 (MS 2725).

## Schools

Castle Fraser School: 1870 – 1888 (MS 3470/18).

Chanonry School, Old Aberdeen: 1879 - 1892 (MS 2633).

Episcopal Church, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, records relating to schools, such as school reports, administrative and financial records: 19<sup>th</sup> century – 20<sup>th</sup> century (MS 3320).

Free East Church School, St Andrew Street, Aberdeen: 1863-1874 (MS 3812).

Grammar School, Old Aberdeen: 1870-1885 (MS 648).

Practising/Demonstration School ('Aberdeen Colleges of Education'), Aberdeen: 1888 – 1970 (UNIVERSITY 1421/3).

Dr Tulloch's Academy, Aberdeen: 1843 - 1873 (MS 561).

W.G. Walker's Academy, Aberdeen: 1873 - 1886 (MS 562).

## Statutory bodies

For records created by old administrative units (such as Commissioners of Supply) covering the historic counties of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire please see the separate factsheet.

Aberdeen Hospital for Sick Children: ledger and minute book: 1877 – 1910 (MS 2769/II/10).

Aberdeen Blind Asylum: 1889 – 1905 (MS 2769/II/27).

Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Board: 1932 – 1992 (MS 3636).

North Eastern Scotland Local Tribunal for conscientious objectors: 1939 - 1946 (MS 2108).

## Trusts

Dr John Anderson Trust papers: 1740 – 1882 (MS 3460).

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust minutes: 1915 – 1971 (MS 2883).

Bishop Dunbar Hospital Trust papers: 1373 – 20<sup>th</sup> century (MS 3861).

William Harvey Trust papers: 1834 – 1923 (MS 3039).

Mitchell's Hospital Trust, Old Aberdeen papers: 1920s (MS 3108).

Dr Robert Wilson's Trust papers: 1796 – 1986 (MS 3390).

Miscellaneous local trust minute books and one solicitor's registry index: 19<sup>th</sup> century – 20<sup>th</sup> century (MS 3765).

## Other relevant collections

Adam, Cochran and Company, advocates, Aberdeen: papers. This collection contains records from families, estates, businesses, trusts and other organisations which the firm represented: 1630 – 1919 (MS 3066).

Davidson and Garden, advocates, Aberdeen: 15<sup>th</sup> century – 20<sup>th</sup> century. This extensive collection contains records of some 200 families, estates, businesses, trusts and other organisations which the firm represented (MS 2769 and MS 3744).

Ledingham Chalmers, solicitors: 18<sup>th</sup> century – 20<sup>th</sup> century. Includes papers from various organisations such as Aberdeen Philosophical Society. (MS 3257, MS 3277, MS 3394, MS 3662, MS 3665 and MS 3713).

F.A. MacDonald and Partners, engineers and surveyors, Aberdeen (incorporating Walker & Duncan, Aberdeen): 18<sup>th</sup> century – 20<sup>th</sup> century. Includes papers from various organisations and trusts (MS 2626).

## Printed collections

The Local Collection accessible via the Reading Room contains relevant printed material including published reports by many organisations noted above such as the Cairngorm Club.

## Access

Materials are available, upon request, for consultation in the Reading Room. Please search online catalogues to identify individual items.

## Further reading

For further reading please also see the studies of a number of manuscripts, printed books and collections in the journals *Aberdeen University Library Bulletin*, *Aberdeen University Review* and *Northern Scotland*.