

Newspaper resources in Special Collections

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The Wolfson Reading Room Special Collections Centre

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Introduction

Special Collections holds an extensive collection of historical newspapers that covers the north-east of Scotland (i.e. the former counties of Aberdeen, Banff, Kincardine, Moray and Nairn). In addition there are also runs of newspapers from other parts of Scotland and several titles from England.

A key holding is a complete run of the *Press and Journal*, from its first appearance as the *Aberdeen Journal* in 1747, through to the present day.

Key Holdings

Please note that some titles are incomplete, and some currently published titles are available in other parts of the Library. Titles held are as follows, in hard copy form unless otherwise stated:

Aberdeen Chronicle, 1816-1821

Aberdeen free papers: *Aberdeen Citizen*, *Aberdeen Herald*, *Aberdeen* (Herald and) *Post*, *Aberdeen Independent*, various: 1859, 1982-1997

Aberdeen (Daily) *Free Press*, 1853-1922
(plus microfilm)

Aberdeen Journal and subsequent amalgamations, now as the *Press and Journal*, 1747–present
(plus microfilm, part only)

Aberdeen Herald, 1832-1876 (microfilm)

Aberdeen New Shaver or New Monthly Miscellany, 1833-1838

Aberdeen Observer, 1832-1834

Aberdeen People's Press, 1973-1976

Aberdeen Pirate, 1833

Aberdeen Saturday Post, 1861 (microfilm)

Aberdeen Shaver, 1837-1840

Aberdeen Standard, 1893-1894 (microfilm)

Alba, 1908-1909

Banffshire Journal, 1904 - present

Banner, 1840-1845

Bon Accord, 1880-1881, 1886-1905, 1911, 1926, 1976-1977

Big Print, 1978-1980

Buchan Observer, 1863-1930 (microfilm, part only)

Caledonian Mercury, 1794
(plus microfilm, 1722-1787, 1799)

Comet, 1898-1899, 1907

Crusade Weekly, 1903

Edinburgh Advertiser, 1778-1783, 1817, 1835, 1837

Edinburgh Weekly Journal, 1800-1848

Elgin Courant, 1913-1930

Evening Express, 1976 – current (microfilm)

Gaudie, 1934-present

Highlander, 1881

Huntly Express, 1914-1930

Inverness Courier, 1894-1902

Inverness Journal and Northern Advertiser, 1813-1832

John O' Groat Journal, 1913-1930

Kincardineshire Observer, 1909-1965

London Packet, 1823-1836

Moray and Nairn Express, 1880-1897 (microfilm)

Northern Advertiser, 1902

Northern Chronicle (Inverness), 1914-1940

Northern Figaro, 1884–1895

Northern Scot, 1896-1899

Northern Scot and Moray and Nairn Express, 1897-2004

Oban Times & West Highland Times, 1918-1930

Orcadian, 1913-1930

The Record, 1830-1838

Scottish Worker, 1926

St James Chronicle, 1837-1859

Stornoway Gazette and West Coast Advertiser, 1972-present

Torry Citizen, 1976-1981, 1986-1988

Ullapool News, 1973-1981

West Highland Free Press, 1975-present

Witness, 1840-1863 (please note restricted access)

The Working-Man's Newspaper, 1873

Access

Materials are available, upon request, for consultation in the Reading Room. Please search online catalogues to identify individual items. Some titles are available in microfilm (either wholly or just parts) and that is stated in the catalogue.

Please note that due to the physical size and fragile nature of many of the newspaper titles, access to originals may be restricted on some occasions. For preservation reasons where a microfilm copy exists, the microfilm will be made available for consultation. Where possible, please provide advance notice before consultation.

Further reading

Ferguson, Joan, *Directory of Scottish newspapers* (Edinburgh, National Library of Scotland, 1984)

Shepherd, Penelope, *Newspapers held in libraries of North-East Scotland* (Aberdeen and North of Scotland Library and Information Co-operative, 1974)

Murphy, Brian and Marshall, Alan, *Scottish community newspapers* (Aberdeen, Aberdeen People's Press, 1978)