

Oil and gas industry resources in Special Collections

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Introduction

Special Collections have established an Oil and Gas Archive to hold collections relating to the oil and gas industry, spanning 40 years. All areas are represented in holdings, including major companies, the supply chain and smaller personal collections. The University acts as a physical repository for deposited material, but also as a virtual hub for information and resources relating to the industry held elsewhere.

The University is part of the Capturing the Energy Project which aims to promote wider recognition of the technical and cultural importance of the offshore oil and gas industry and encourage retention of significant records for research and education.

Operators and business records

DHB Construction Limited: 1950 – 1989. Director's papers concerning the production of the JIM Atmospheric Diving Suit. Includes meeting files, licensing and patent records, test reports and promotional material (MS 3879).

TOTAL E&P UK: Frigg Transportation System, MCP-01 and St Fergus papers: 1972 – current. A wide variety of material has been collected, including engineering drawings, technical manuals, operational records, company journals, photographs, and film and video footage. Oral history interviews with people involved with MCP-01 or St Fergus capture the personal side. A selection of records are also available in digital format (MS 3801).

Canadian Natural Resources: Murchison papers: 1963 – 2007 (MS 4022).

MSV (Multi Service Vessel) Tharos: construction and operational papers: 1978 – 1986 (MS 3907).

Peterhead Engineering Company: 1970s – 1990s. Various material including company literature, photographs and promotional videos (MS 3799).

Trade associations

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

Trade unions

Hugo Manson, oral historian - Offshore Industry Liaison Committee papers: 1989 – 2012. Collected material including electronic copies of OILC's 'Blowout' magazine and various publications (MS 3852).

Academic and research papers

Professor Hugh Begg, consultant - oil and gas industry research papers: 1979 – 2000. Papers collected as part of research on the economic and social prospects in areas affected by oil development (MS 3853).

Richard Green, researcher - oil and gas industry papers including Cost Reduction Initiative For The New Era (CRINE): 1993 – 2001. Papers collected from various sources as part of research on collaborative relationships in the industry (MS 3854).

Oil and gas industry related papers of Ronald Cumming, surgeon: 1972 – 1980. Research papers relating to medical implications of the oil-related industry, mainly related to the Shetland area (MS 3810).

Personal collections

British National Oil Corporation House Flag and photographs of Emergency Support Vessel Iolair: c.1976 – 1981 (MS 3800).

Frigg Field Inauguration Plaque and collected items including photographs of platforms: c.1970s. Various material including a presentation plaque, photographs of platforms and a bottle of the first oil from the Ekofisk field (MS 3802).

MCP-01 (Manifold Compression Platform being part of the Frigg Transportation System) - photographs and audio-visual material: 1980s – 1990s. Material including photographs of the installation and social events and audio-visual material featuring life on MCP-01 (MS 3803).

MCP-01 (Manifold Compression Platform being part of the Frigg Transportation System) - cartoons by James Kinniburgh: 1981 – 1992. Cartoons depicting life on MCP-01 (MS 3804).

MCP-01 (Manifold Compression Platform being part of the Frigg Transportation System) - photographs and audio-visual material: 1990 – 1991. Photographs and audio-visual material of social events (MS 3806).

MCP-01 (Manifold Compression Platform being part of the Frigg Transportation System) - photographs of Progress Review of Compression Module 11: 1983 – 1985. Photograph album of a VIP visit and an invitation to named individuals to celebrate the completion of the Alwyn North Jacket (MS 3807).

MCP-01 (Manifold Compression Platform being part of the Frigg Transportation System) - photographs and audio-visual material: 1980s – 1990s. Photographs of the installation and audio-visual material featuring life on MCP-01 (MS 3808).

MCP-01 (Manifold Compression Platform being part of the Frigg Transportation System) - photographs: 1980s – 1990s. Photographs of installation and crew (MS 3809).

Photographs of oil and gas industry helicopters taken by Sam Alexander: 1979 – 1981 (MS 3811).

MCP-01 (Manifold Compression Platform being part of the Frigg Transportation System) - audio-visual material: 1987 – 1988. Audio-visual material of social events (MS 3832).

Sullom Voe Oil Terminal opening ceremony brochure: January 1979 (MS 3857).

Oral and video history collections

'Lives in the Oil Industry' Oral History Archive and associated records: 2001 – 2006. A major collection of sound recordings which was completed between 2001 and 2006 and includes interviews with nearly 200 people, totalling nearly 800 hours of recordings. Catalogue entries including interview summaries are online and the interviews are accessible via the Reading Room listening room (MS 3769).

Capturing the Energy project oil and gas oral history archive: from 2015. (MS 4021).

Video interviews conducted by TOTAL E&P UK about the management of the supply chain, with Sir Ian Wood and John Brooks: 2010. Interviews conducted with Sir Ian Wood, founder of Wood Group and John Brooks, former Director of Exploration and Licensing - Oil and Gas Directorate, Department of Trade and Industry (MS 3858).

Access

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