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Correspondence and papers, 1931-1985, of Francis Cameron Yeaman, Scottish nationalist and politician. Yeaman was involved in the Scottish National Party since its creation in 1934. He was a member of the Party's first Youth movement and later on of the Edinburgh Branch of the Party, becoming its secretary in 1936. He contested the Edinburgh East seat at the 1945 General Election. He played an instrumental role in securing the premises of the SNP Club on St Andrews Square. Francis Cameron Yeaman or Frank Yeaman, as his fellow party members knew him, died in Edinburgh in December 2006.

The collection consists of a mixture of personal (1931-1942) and political papers (1935-1985). The political papers reflect his activity as SNP candidate for East Edinburgh at the 1945 general election as well as his involvement in nationalist politics in Scotland and particularly in Edinburgh. It also contains material relating to the early days of the SNP, including organizational records of the party and an interesting group of newsletters and nationalist literature dealing with a broad range of topics.

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For a detailed study on the origins of the Scottish National Party see:

Finlay, Richard J. *Independent and free: Scottish politics and the origins of the Scottish National Party 1918-1945*, Edinburgh: Donald, 1994.

1-4 FRANK YEAMAN PERSONAL PAPERS, 1931-1942.

1. Booklet, *The Appeal: Old and New Watsonians*, Circa 1931.
2. Press cutting, *The Scotsman*, Friday 23 September 1932, concerning the opening of the new premises of Watson's College for Boys.
3. Membership cards and invitations to various social events, 1934-1940.
4. Certificate of proclamation of banns of marriage between Francis Cameron Yeaman and Mary Charlotte Johnston, 10 September 1942.

5-14 FRANK YEAMAN POLITICAL PAPERS, 1935-1946.

5. Political correspondence of Frank Yeaman addressed to 'The Scotsman' and 'The Evening Dispatch' concerning Scottish Home Rule and nationalism, 1935-1940.
6. Letters to Frank Yeaman from David Murison and Lewis Spence concerning nationalism in Scotland and the difficulties of organizing the SNP in the early days, 1940.
7. Papers concerning Frank Yeaman's SNP candidature for East Edinburgh at the 1945 general election.
 - (i) Election addresses, 1945.
 - (ii) Election literature, 1945.
 - (iii) Political speeches, some with annotations, and press notes of Frank Yeaman delivered during the 1945 general election campaign. Includes list of political meetings, venues and subjects of some speeches, June-July 1945.
8. Election addresses and election literature of SNP candidates at the 1945 general election.
 - (i) Austin Walker, SNP candidate for North Aberdeen, 1945.
 - (ii) Douglas Young, SNP candidate for Kirkcaldy burghs, 1945.
 - (iii) Dr Robert D. MacIntyre, SNP candidate for Motherwell and Wishaw, 1945.
 - (iv) General nationalist campaign literature, 1945.
9. Election addresses of candidates to the Scottish Universities Constituency at the 1945 general election.
 - (i) Col. Ralph Somerville Weir, 1945.
 - (ii) Sir John Boyd Orr, 1945.
10. Election addresses and other related papers of various candidates for the North Edinburgh Parliamentary Division at the 1945 general election.
 - (i) Sgt. Eustace G. Willis, Labour candidate, 1945.
 - (ii) Sir Alexander Erskine-Hill, Unionist candidate, 1945.
 - (iii) Issue of the East Edinburgh Elector, July 1945.
11. Election address and campaign literature of Dr. W.O.G. Taylor, SNP candidate at the Cathcart by-election, 1946.
12. Undated political writing, possibly of Frank Yeaman, concerning the Labour government and Scotland after the 1945 general election, Circa 1945.

13. Miscellaneous political correspondence and papers concerning Scottish nationalism, Circa 1940.
14. Press cuttings, mostly concerning Scottish nationalism. Some are undated, 1936-1938.

15-26 SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY, 1940-1947.

15. National Council, minutes, January-December 1940.
16. National Council, minutes, January 1941.
17. National Council, minutes, November-December 1945.
18. National Council, minutes, January-December 1946.
19. National Council, minutes, January-November 1947.
20. Executive Committee, minutes, June 1946-December 1947,
21. Annual Conference, agendas, minutes and related papers, 1937-1947.
22. Special Conference on policy, 1946.
23. Financial statements, 1938-1939.
24. Nationalist pamphlets, mostly SNP, and political literature.
 - (i) *The Scottish Kitchen / Scottish Scientific Discoveries*, Circa 1940s.
 - (ii) *Sabotage on Scots Railways*, Circa 1940s.
 - (iii) *Scotland Faces the Future*, Circa 1940s.
 - (iv) *Scotland's Charter of Freedom: A Summary of the Aims of the Scottish National Party*, Circa 1940s.
 - (v) *Scotland's War-time Demands to Meet War-time Needs: Statement of the National Conference of the Scottish National Party*, June 1941.
 - (vi) John Young, *Jock Wakes Up*, Circa 1940s.
 - (vii) *Electricity for the Highlands? Statement of the Hydro-Electric Sub-Committee of the Scottish National Party on the Tummel-Garry Scheme*, Circa 1940s.
 - (viii) *Why Want Amid Plenty?* Circa 1940s.
 - (ix) Archie Lamont, *Sabotage on Scots Railways*, Circa 1940s.
 - (x) *Hints for Hecklers*, Circa 1940s.
 - (xi) *Tom Johnston Said*, 2 copies, Circa 1940s.
 - (xii) *Electric Railways*, Circa 1940s.
 - (xiii) *Do You Know?* Circa 1940s.
 - (xiv) *What Nationalists Say about Housing?* Circa 1940s.

- (xv) Scottish Prosperity Pamphlet, No 2. *Scotland's Burden and How to Lift it*, Circa 1940s.
- (xvi) Broadcast by Robert Hard, *Planning and Building Post-War Scotland*, 1941.
- (xvii) *Our Aim is Freedom*, Circa 1940s.
- (xviii) *Scotland's Natural Wealth*, Circa 1940s.
- (xix) *Why Are Highland Problems Unsolved?* Circa 1940s.
- (xx) *Our Aim is Freedom: Freedom for All Men and All Peoples*, Circa 1940s.
- (xxi) George Baker, *Scandal of Scots Housing*, Circa 1940s.
- (xxii) *Scottish Resources*, Circa 1940s.
- (xxiii) *To The Scottish People. The Scottish National Party Says*, Circa 1940s.
- (xxiv) Archie Lamont, *British Raw Materials*, November 1945.
- (xxv) R. Gibson Sinclair, *The Scottish National Party (Perth Area): Scotland as a Sovereign State – As It Should Be*, Circa 1940s.
- (xxvi) Robert H.S. Robertson, *The Raw Materials of Scotland Bracken*. Scottish Reconstruction Committee, Bulletin No 6, 1945.
- (xxvii) W. Wakefield Adam, *Britain's Coal Crisis and Opportunity*. Scottish Reconstruction Committee, Bulletin No 8, 1945.
- (xxviii) Robert MacLaurin, *A Plan for Cheap Gas*. Scottish Reconstruction Committee, Bulletin No 9, 1945.
- (xxix) Professor Andrew Dewar Gibb, 'The Case for Scottish Nationalism', *The Listener*, 6 May 1936.
- (xxx) *Scotland's Road to Peace*, Circa 1940s.
- (xxxi) *Scottish News and Comment*, No 28, March 1941.
- (xxxii) The Scottish National Party, *Conference Bulletin*, May 1945.
- (xxxiii) The Scottish Party, *What They Say: The Case of The Anti-Scots Answered*. The Scottish Party, Glasgow, 1933.
- (xxxiv) Manifesto of the SNP, *Scotland and the World Crisis*, After 1930.

25. Scottish National Party, newsletter, August 1946-October 1947.

26. Songs and poems of nationalist content, Circa 1940s.

27-36 SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY EDINBURGH BRANCH, 1938-1985.

27. Letter of Frank Yeaman in his capacity as Honorary Secretary of the SNP Edinburgh Branch concerning defensive arrangements for Edinburgh during the World War II, 28 October 1938.

28. Scottish National Party, Edinburgh Branch, receipts and expenditure applicable to year ending 31 March 1938, 1938.

29. Scottish National Party, Edinburgh Branch, treasurer's account of receipts and expenditure for the period from April 1938 to 7 February 1939, 1938-1939.

30. Scottish National Party, Edinburgh Branch, cash and revenue statement to 31 March 1947, 1947.
31. Typescript letter and notes, with manuscript annotations, on the history of the Edinburgh Branch of the Scottish National Party by F. Marion McNeill, 11 November 1940.
32. Copy of a minute of lease between the Edinburgh Scottish National Party Club and Miss Isobel Margaret Knox and Donald Hamilton McKinney, Circa 1985.
33. Edinburgh Young Nationalists Association, newsletter, 10 June 1942.
34. Address to the Edinburgh Branch of the SNP on St Andrew's Day concerning the political role of the SNP in Scotland, Circa 1946.
35. Letter addressed to members and sympathizers of the Edinburgh Branch of the SNP inviting them to take part in a public sale to raise funds in aid of the branch, the election fund and the party funds, 25 February 1946.
36. The 'Dunedin Dispatch', newsletter of the Edinburgh Branch of the SNP.
 - (i) November 1940.
 - (ii) January-December 1941 (incomplete run).
 - (iii) February-June 1942.
 - (iv) January-December 1946.
 - (v) January-November 1947 (incomplete run).

37-41 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1938-1944.

37. Miscellaneous political writings.
 - (i) Arthur Donaldson, Circa 1940s.
 - (ii) Andrew Dewar Gibb? *The Parliament of Scotland: Schemes of the English Parties*, Circa 1940s.
 - (iii) Proposed policy of the Perth Branch of the SNP, 15 December 1944.
 - (iv) Letter concerning Scottish nationalism in Hawick, 26 May 1938.
 - (v) Report, with some marginalia, concerning modern Denmark, Circa 1940s.
 - (vi) *Scotland and England: Comparative Wealth*, Circa 1940s.
 - (vii) Report on the state of Scotland since the outbreak of the World War II, Circa 1940s.
38. Papers concerning Andrew Dewar Gibb's candidature for the Scottish University Constituency, 1938.

39. 'The Scots Correspondent', newsletter, 11 February-12 August 1939.
40. 'The Sea Leaguer', newsletter, January 1937-December 1938.
41. 'The Auld Aberdeen Courant & Neo-Caledonian Spasmodical', newsletter, Circa 1930s-1940s.