

## National Library of Scotland

### Principal additions: January-March 2010

Within sections, items are arranged chronologically, as far as possible.

#### A. Printed books

1. Blackwood, Adam, ed. 'De lezabelis Anglae parricidio [sic] varii generis poemata Latina et Gallica'. [Paris], 1587-1588.

This is a very rare collection of poems in Latin, French and Italian verse lamenting the execution of Mary Queen of Scots in 1587 and attacking Queen Elizabeth and Anne Boleyn. It was probably edited, and partly written, by Mary's Scottish biographer Adam Blackwood. The poems are signed only by initials and were evidently assembled and issued in a number of different forms and arrangements, and were surreptitiously published in the years 1587 to 1588. Blackwood (1539-1613) was born in Dunfermline and studied in Paris, where his education was in part funded by Mary. Blackwood's pro-Mary propaganda had a major influence on subsequent French and Scottish national histories of the 17th century.

(Dealer)

2. Hume, David. 'Dialogues sur la religion naturelle'. Edimbourg [i.e. Amsterdam], 1780.

This is the second issue of the rare first French translation (by Paul Henri Thiry, baron d' Holbach) of Hume's 'Dialogues concerning Natural Religion', his most important posthumous publication. Hume had been engaged on the work for many years, the first mention of the dialogues being in 1751; pressure from friends prevented their publication during his lifetime. Despite the imprint this first French edition was probably printed and published in Holland, an assumption which is corroborated by the number of copies found in Dutch libraries. The first issue of the French translation appeared in 1779, the same year as the first English edition.

(Dealer)

3. Scott, Walter. 'De Zeeroover' [The Pirate]. Leeuwarden, 1825.

The fame of Walter Scott's novels spread quickly through Continental Europe. Scott's novel 'The Pirate' was written in 1821 and published in Edinburgh and London by Archibald Constable in December 1822. This is the first Dutch translation, done by the publisher Jan Willem Steenbergen van Goor (1778-1856). 'The Pirate' was written after Scott's publisher, Archibald Constable, had suggested he write a novel about pirates. Scott took as his inspiration the tale of the 'Orkney

Pirate' John Gow, who had returned home to Orkney to lie low for a period. Gow lived a respectable life for several weeks, pretending to be an honest trader, until his cover was blown, which led to his eventual arrest and execution in 1725.

(Dealer)

## **B. Manuscripts**

1. Pocketbook, 1679-1680, of Sir John Werden, diplomat and politician (1640-1716).  
Acc.13144  
(Dealer)
2. Account book, 1745-1746, of expenditure on behalf of William, Duke of Cumberland.  
Acc.13137  
(Dealer)
3. Papers, 18th-20th centuries, of the Burns Begg family, descendants of Isabella Begg, the sister of Robert Burns.  
Acc.13138  
(Purchase)
4. Manuscript, early 19th century, of an English version of 'Morduth. A Fragment', by Anne Grant ('Mrs Grant') of Laggan.  
Acc.13117  
(Donation)
5. Letter, 1804, of Jean Burns (née Armour) to Maria Riddell, concerning the children of Robert Burns.  
Acc.13120  
(Donation)
6. Letter, 1810, of Sylvester Douglas, Baron Glenbervie, to Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville.  
Acc.13119  
(Dealer)
7. Photocopies of 6 letters, 1815-1821, of Adam Gordon of Griamachary, Sutherland, his son, Adam Gordon, and grandson, Charles Gordon, to Alexander Sutherland, vintner, Berwick, with transcriptions and related genealogical notes.  
Acc.13123  
(Donation)
8. Two letters, 1826, 1829, of William Blackwood, publisher, to Captain Robert Melville Grindlay.  
Acc.13128  
(Dealer)

9. Volume, 1827-1832, of unpublished poetry by Henry Murray Scott, a relative of the 4th Duke of Atholl.  
Acc.13130  
(Dealer)
10. Sederunt Book, 1838-1848, of the Trustees of John Jamieson, lexicographer.  
Acc.13118  
(Dealer)
11. Letter, 1838, of John Richardson, solicitor and friend of Sir Walter Scott, to Robert Cadell on legal matters concerning Scott's estate.  
Acc.13127  
(Dealer)
12. Correspondence, 1841-1846, of George Henry Lewes, English philosopher and critic, and James Frederick Ferrier, Scottish metaphysical philosopher.  
Acc.13139  
(Dealer)
13. Notebook, early 20th century, containing Gaelic and English versions of 'Oran molaidh do'n Fhreiceadain Dhubh' by A MacGregor.  
Acc.13142  
(Dealer)
14. Copies of emigration papers, circa 1900-1972, of Ernest Robb.  
Acc.13121  
(Donation)
15. Personal papers, 1917-1977, of and relating to Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Roderick Oliver (1909-1945), comprising letters, diaries, including a diary of the 1938 Mount Everest Expedition, and photographs.  
Acc.13124  
(Dealer)
16. Papers, 1922-1948, of Michael Roberts, including some later papers of Janet Adam Smith concerning Michael Roberts.  
Acc.13145  
(Bequest)
17. Literary papers, 1938-1976, of James Murdoch MacGregor, 'J T McIntosh' (1925-2008), science fiction writer. This archive includes manuscripts and typescripts (some unpublished), juvenalia and correspondence mainly with agents and publishers in the United States of America.  
Acc.13126  
(Purchase)

18. Letters, 1950-1959, of John Lorne Campbell to Angus Matheson.  
Acc.13141  
(Dealer)
19. Manuscript, circa 1961, of an unpublished poem, 'Six Wee Haufs', by George Mackay Brown, with a copy of 'Phoenix: Moray House Review' (1961), in which two of the six sections were published as single poems.  
Acc.13122  
(Auction)
20. Letters and cards, circa 1960-1998, of Ian Hamilton Finlay to Katy Gardiner, with a number of his published works and papers, 1988-1994, relating to the Saint-Just Vigilantes and Stonypath/Little Sparta.  
Acc.13132  
(Donation)
21. Four letters, 1961, 1972, of C.M. Grieve to Peter Grant, with the manuscript of an article, 1961, for 'SLA News' concerning Grieve's editorship of 'William Soutar: collected poems' (1948).  
Acc.13135  
(Purchase)
22. Letter, 1972, of Wendy Wood to Mr Russel.  
Acc.13143  
(Dealer)
23. Letters, 1973-1976, of George Mackay Brown to Peter and Betty Grant, with literary papers including a manuscript of 'Greenvoe' (1972) and a typescript of 'Hawkfall and other stories' (1974), with photographs of George Mackay Brown, his mother and friends.  
Acc.13134  
(Purchase)
24. Photocopies of cards, acrostics, poems and stories, 1974-1995, of George Mackay Brown, sent as birthday greetings to Alan, son of Peter and Betty Grant; with some birthday acrostics to the parents.  
Acc.13125  
(Purchase)
25. Typescript draft and working papers, 1979, of John Telfer Dunbar concerning his biography of Mary Ethel Muir Donaldson, "'Herself" the life and photographs of M E M Donaldson' (1979).  
Acc.13131  
(Donation)
26. Six letters, 1982-1990, of John L Broom to Betty Grant, concerning life and literary matters in Stromness, with typescripts of two poems, 'The Lion is Seik' and 'A Puckle Middens'.  
Acc.13136

(Purchase)

27. Research files, circa 1990-1999, of Nigel Tranter, mainly relating to 'The Lion's Whelp' (1997). These files include correspondence, notes, press-cuttings and published sources.  
Acc.13129  
(Donation)
28. Letters of condolence, 1990, to Mrs Irene Roberts on the death of her husband, Professor E F D Roberts.  
Acc.13140  
(Donation)
29. Archive, 2008-2009, of the monthly meetings of the School of Poets held at the Scottish Poetry Library, Edinburgh, containing copies of members' poems discussed at the meetings.  
Acc.13133  
(Deposit)

## **C. Maps**

1. GSGS  
'International map of the World at the millionth scale'.  
Various publishers and dates  
100+ sheets

Although the Library has been collecting this series for many years, a number of gaps had occurred. This purchase closes these gaps, completing recent mapping of much of the world at the useful 1:1,000,000 scale. The mapping is largely provided by local national mapping agencies, so there is wide variation between the sheets, but some uniformity in what is portrayed. For some areas of the world this is the most comprehensive recent mapping available.  
(Dealer)

- 2 Thornton, John.  
['Coasting pilot']  
London: 'John Thornton at the signe of England, Scotland and Ireland in the Minories' [circa 1706]  
1 atlas (40, 4p., [13] folded plates): charts; fol.

The precursor of a unique atlas by Samuel Thornton already held in the Collection, this new atlas is a collection of sea charts by John Thornton, Samuel's father. It includes the earliest known typesetting of the 'Description of the East Coast from Barwick to Bokkanais' by John Marr, mariner of Dundee, who wrote Scotland's first pilot guide. Marr is perhaps better known for the shipping hazard which bears his name – 'Marr bank' at the mouth of the Tay. The atlas also includes a rare chart of the east coast presumed to be based on Marr's own survey. Sea charts and pilots guides were working documents and have a poor

survival rate, so its re-emergence more than 300 years after publication is particularly welcome.  
(Dealer)

**Works costing £1,000 or more:**

**Printed books:**

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| Blackwood, A. 'De Iezabelis Anglae parricidio' [sic] ... | £5,000 |
| Hume, D. 'Dialogues sur la religion naturelle'           | £1,850 |
| Scott, W. 'De Zeeroover'                                 | €1,500 |