

National Library of Scotland

Principal Additions: October-December 2009

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

A. Printed Books

1. Adam, William. 'Proposals for printing by subscription, in two large volumes in folio, the plans, elevations, and sections, of the principal regular buildings in Scotland'. London, [1766].

During the 1720s the Scottish architect William Adam began plans for a work surveying the finest architecture in Scotland. He died before his ambitious work came into being, but his eldest son John (1721-1792) proceeded with the publication of his father's book. In March 1766 the publication proposal was issued to potential subscribers. Sheets of the book were also printed in the same year, but because of copyright issues the work was only published in 1811 by William Adam's grandson, William (1751-1839). This proposal is significant in tracing the history of the publication of this work.

(Dealer)

2. Wrangel, Ferdinand Petrovich, Baron. 'Reise des kaiserlichen Flotten-Lieutenants Ferdinand v. Wrangel längs der Nordküste von Sibirien und auf dem Eismeere, in den Jahren 1820 bis 1824'. 2 pts. in 1. Berlin, 1839.

This is a signed presentation copy of the first edition of an account of an important expedition to the northeast of Siberia and its coast. Its leader, Baron Ferdinand von Wrangel, a naval officer of Baltic German origins in the service of Russia, was the first to produce a complete cartographical survey of this coastline. The expedition made valuable contributions to climatology, geomagnetics and glaciology as well as collecting data on the region's natural resources and native populations.

(Dealer)

3. Darwin, Charles. 'On the origin of species by means of natural selection'. [2nd edition]. London., 1860.

Darwin's 'Origin of Species' is one of the most influential and controversial books to have been published in the English language. With the acquisition of this second edition the Library now has copies of all six editions published by John Murray during Darwin's lifetime (1809-1882). The first edition sold out on the day of publication in November 1859, and to meet public demand the second edition appeared in January the following year. Three thousand copies were printed. On the title page of the second edition 'Linnean' is now spelt correctly, and a misprint of the word 'species' has also been corrected.

(Dealer)

4. Hill, Alexander W. [Archive of pictorialist photographs taken in Scotland]. [Edinburgh, circa 1907-1945].

This is an important archive of bromoil transfer photographs/prints, consisting of 60 images, by the Scottish amateur photographer A W Hill. They range

from unsigned trial prints to signed and mounted exhibition prints on a variety of papers and in different sizes. Born in Girvan in Ayrshire, Alexander Wilson Hill (1867-1949) was a bank manager by profession but also a dedicated photographer. He took up photography in the 1890s and was to become a longstanding member of the Edinburgh Photographic Society. He photographed extensively in and around Edinburgh, but the archive also includes street scenes and images of workers in rural settings as well as landscapes and coastal views from elsewhere in Scotland, and a few examples of portraiture and still life. Hill exhibited from the early 1900s to the 1940s in the UK, in Europe and in North America.
(Dealer)

B. Manuscripts

1. Volume of transcripts and notes, 1725-1827, and undated, of and relating to James Thomson, made by an unidentified Kelso enthusiast for Thomson, including transcripts of letters to Dr Cranstoun, biographical notes and queries, and printed reports of anniversary meetings of the Ednam Club to celebrate the poet's birthday in 1812 and 1813.
Acc.13103
(Dealer)
2. Letter, 1782, of Hugh Blair to William Strahan.
Acc.13092
(Dealer)
3. Volume of letters, 1796-1804, of Lady Harriet Jane Gyll to her father, Hamilton Fleming, self-styled 9th Earl of Wigtown, and her mother, Mary Charlotte Fleming.
Acc.13112
(Dealer)
4. Letters and related notes, 1801-1807, of Francis Summerer, Consul at Bucharest, to Charles Stuart, Baron de Rothesay, Diplomatist.
Acc.13105
(Auction)
5. Letter, 1803, of Sir Walter Scott to John James Masquerier.
Acc.13093
(Dealer)
6. Letter, 1814, of Saint Amand to Robert Dundas, 2nd Viscount Melville, with a report concerning an instrument for determining longitude.
Acc.13087
(Dealer)
7. Letter, 1824, of Sir Walter Scott to Sir Henry Torrens.
Acc.13109
(Auction)
8. Letter, 1825, of Sir Walter Scott to James Ballantyne.
Acc.13094
(Dealer)

9. Letter, 1828, of Basil Hall to Mordecai Manuel Noah, with an engraved portrait of Basil Hall.
Acc.13110
(Auction)
10. Letter, 1831, of Sir Walter Scott to an unidentified recipient, written in Italy.
Acc.13086
(Dealer)
11. Letter, 1831, of Patrick Fraser Tytler to William Jerdan.
Acc.13088
(Dealer)
12. Minute book, 1839-1842, 1846-1856, of the Fenwick Improvement of Knowledge Society and the Fenwick Mutual Improvement Society.
Acc.13106
(Dealer)
13. Correspondence of John and Margaret Anderson, emigrants in Ontario, Canada, with notes on the histories of the Lindsay and Cameron families, and related papers, 1857-2009.
Acc.13107
(Donation)
14. Journal, March-September 1858, of Francis Goode Cuninghams` trip to New Zealand, with related news cuttings and two photographs.
Acc.13089
(Dealer)
15. Copy, circa 1864, of Cosmopolitan Gold Mining Company chart from Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, and some family history notes on the Mackintosh family.
Acc.13090
(Donation)
16. Letter, 1864, of Thomas Carlyle to an unknown recipient and an undated letter of Jane Welsh Carlyle to Charlotte Froude, wife of James Anthony Froude, with a signed photograph, 1874, of Thomas Carlyle.
Acc.13108
(Auction)
17. Manuscripts, circa 1869-1872, of three stories by Margaret Oliphant, published in the *Cornhill Magazine*: 'Mrs Merridew's Fortune' (1869), 'Lady Isabella' (1871) and 'The Scientific Gentleman' (1872).
Acc.13098
(Dealer)
18. Notebook, circa 1880, entitled 'Chronicles of our folk', of Elizabeth Mary Clark, wife of Robert Clark, missionary in India.
Acc.13111
(Auction)
19. Microfilms of minute books, 1888-1976, of the Royal Scottish Pipers' Society, volumes 2-6.
Acc.13091
(Purchase)

20. Manuscript, 1908, of a novel, 'The Right Stuff', by John Hay Beith ('Ian Hay'), with 3 related letters.
Acc.13097
(Dealer)
21. Letters, 1908-1910, of Dot and Bidy, emigrants in New Zealand, to Peggy Greig, and related photographs.
Acc.13113
(Donation)
22. Letters, 1914-1933, of Jemima Barr, emigrant to Rhodesia, to her friend Margaret Proudfoot Greig, and a photograph album.
Acc.13102
(Donation)
23. Letters, 1917-1926, of Chrissie Jamieson, emigrant in New Zealand, to Peggy Greig, and a related photograph.
Acc.13114
(Donation)
24. Political and personal papers, circa 1930-circa 1970, of Donald Stewart, former president of the Scottish National Party and MP for the Western Isles.
Acc.13100
(Donation)
25. Political and personal papers, circa 1950-2003, of George Younger, Baron Younger of Prestwick and fourth Viscount Younger of Leckie, Conservative politician and Secretary of State for Scotland.
Acc.13116
(Deposit)
26. Personal and political papers, 1954-2000, of William Archibald, largely concerning his political activities in the Scottish National Party.
Acc.13101
(Donation)
27. Political correspondence and papers, 1964-2000, of Gordon Wilson, former leader of the Scottish National Party and MP for Dundee East.
Acc.13099
(Donation)
28. Posters, circa 1967-2007, of the Scottish National Party. Acc.13115
(Deposit)
29. A poster and a leaflet, 1974, produced by the Scottish National Party for the 'Scotland's Oil' campaign.
Acc.13083
(Donation)
30. Charter, 1978, granting coat of arms to the Royal Scottish Society of Arts issued by Sir James Monteith Grant, Lord Lyon King of Arms.
Acc.13096
(Donation)

31. Photocopy of motion of no confidence, March 1979, `Government Betrayal of Scotland`, signed by the Scottish National Party Parliamentary Group.
Acc.13084
(Donation)
32. Menus of annual dinners, 1990-2009, of the Haddington Burns Club.
Acc.13104
(Donation)
33. Transcripts of interviews, 2003-2004, made for the television series, `Writing Scotland`.
Acc.13095
(Donation)

C. Maps

1. Dighton, Robert: 'Geography bewitched! or, a droll caricature map of Scotland'.
London : Printed for Bowles and Carver, [1794]
1 map : 19 x 16 cm.

This is a very rare caricature map of Scotland, showing the country as, frankly, a rather ugly fishwife. Robert Dighton is most famous for his satirical portraits of many prominent figures of the day, a career which he supplemented by treading the boards at Sadlers Wells. This sheet was part of a set offering similarly unflattering views of England and Wales and Ireland, published in the year when Dighton first began to steal prints from the British Museum after befriending the warden. When the thefts became public his notoriety was such that he fled London to work in the provinces. The sheet is interesting and colourful, if not perhaps attractive!
(Dealer)