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**and**  
**Strathspey Society**

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Minute books, Roll Books (Attendance Registers), programmes, photographs, recordings of concerts, sheet music and other papers, 1881-2006, of and relating to the Edinburgh Highland Reel and Strathspey Society (EHRSS).

The EHRSS was formed in 1881 in Edinburgh in order to preserve and diffuse traditional Scots music. It was the first reel and strathspey society to be created and was still active in 2013.

See Acc.13305/29-30 for histories of the EHRSS by Kenneth McLennan Hay, 1981 and James Moray Calder, 2001

Deposited, 2011

**1-15 Administration**

**16-28 Musical activities**

**29-30 EHRSS history**

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**1-15 Administration**

1 Constitution and rules, 1920 (one booklet)

**2-11 Minute books**

2 1881-1893

3 1891-1904

4 1903-1912

5 1909-1916

6 1914-1920

7 1920-1926

8 1926-1932

9 1932-1939

10 1939-1947

11 1948-1953

**12-13 Rolls [Attendance Registers]**

12 1881-1914 [volume]

13 1988-1990

14 List of members, 1904-1905 (volume)

15 Record book: correspondence, programmes, tickets, menus for annual dinners, 1929-1940

**16-28 Musical activities**

16 First concert ticket, 1884

**17-18 Programmes**

17 1947-1980 (missing 1950 and 1959)

18 1981-2006 (missing 2004)

**19-24 Recordings (CDs)**

19 EHRSS Early Recordings, 1934, 1964

20 The Scottish Country Dance Players conducted by John Robertson, Volume 1, [1948-1949]

21 The Scottish Country Dance Players conducted by John Robertson, Volume 2, [1948-1949]

22 EHRSS Live, 1976

23 EHRSS Live, 1976

24 EHRSS Live, 1983

25 Photographs: Archibald Menzies, James Calder, Jim Ferguson, positive and slide of a Concert 1931, Scottish Country Dance Players 1948-1949, EHRSS Annual Dinner undated, 1962, 1966, 1976, Gathering of the Clans Concerts 1977, Centenary Concert 1981

26 Press cuttings: *The Metronome Magazine* 1899, reprint of the article "The old tunes live" taken from *S.M.T. Magazine and Scottish Country Life* 1946, various 1886-1960, *The Scottish Fiddlers' Calendar* July 2007, *FiddleOn Magazine* Autumn/Winter 2011

27 EHRSS Newsletters, 1993-1997

28 Correspondence with the Feis Dhun Eidean organization in order to help it to set up a teaching program of traditional Gaelic music, 1996

**29-30 EHRSS History**

29 Manuscript of "A Century of the Edinburgh Highland Reel and Strathspey Society" by Kenneth McLennan Hay, 1981

30 "The Edinburgh Highland Reel and Strathspey Society. A History" by James Moray Calder, 2001. With related correspondence 2001-2002

**31-34 Miscellaneous**

31 Sheet music undated, sets of tunes performed from 1884 to 2006

32 "The Athole Collection of the Dance Music of Scotland", volume 1, 1884

33 "The Athole Collection of the Dance Music of Scotland", volume 2, 1884

34 Poems "A Fiddler's Rant" by Robert Watson, 1894, and "The Second Highland Company's Welcome to Sergeant Menzies, Queen's Prizeman" by D. Mackenzie 1873, booklet "A Spring on the Fiddle" by W. Simpson 1915