

Gaelic manuscripts in the National Library of Scotland: old and new reference numbers

This list is to help you identify or confirm the reference numbers of our older Gaelic manuscripts.

It only covers those manuscripts that used to be known under different reference numbers in the past. It does not cover manuscripts acquired after 1925. These have reference numbers beginning with the prefixes 'MS' or 'Acc', which will not usually have changed at any point.

The list also gives you the relevant pages in Mackinnon's catalogue. Only the starting page of the descriptions is given, but not their full extent.

Old reference number	Name or brief description	New reference number	Pages in Mackinnon's catalogue
Gaelic MS. I	"MS 1467" John Beaton's "Broad Book"	Adv.MS.72.1.1(1) Adv.MS.72.1.1(2)	72, 106, 180, 186, 188,190
Gaelic MS. II	Medical, 16th-17th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.2	6, 108, 187
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Gaelic MS. XIII	Medical, 14th-15th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.13	41
Gaelic MS. XIV	Medical, 15th-16th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.14	49
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Gaelic MS. XXIII	Medical, 15th-16th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.23	55
Gaelic MS. XXIV	Life of St. Findchua, 15th (?) cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.24	84
Gaelic MS. XXV	Medical; religious; encomiastic verse, 15th-16th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.25	55, 85
Gaelic MS. XXVI	Medical; religious; mythological, 15th-16th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.26	56, 87
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Gaelic MS. XXVIII	Historical; mythological, 15th-16th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.28	113, 138
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Gaelic MS. XXX	O'Reilly poem book, 15th-16th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.30	115
Gaelic MS. XXXI	Colum-Cille poems; tale; contract, 15th(?) -17th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.31	90
Gaelic MS. XXXII	[Fenian tales]	Adv.MS.72.1.32 MISSING	217
Gaelic MS. XXXIII	Calendar, 16th cent.; medical, 16th cent.	Adv.MS.72.1.33	60
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