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This is a guide to the archives, manuscripts and printed books held by the University of Glasgow relating to major figures of the Scottish Enlightenment.

It is presented as a handlist that details the most significant resource material arranged by person. The resources for Adam Smith are listed first, followed by other Enlightenment figures in alphabetical order. Details of any connections with the University of Glasgow are also given at the beginning of each entry.

The aim of this list is to highlight the wealth of research material available at the University of Glasgow. However, it has been impossible to be totally comprehensive and the list is necessarily selective. Our holdings may be explored further from the Archives and Special Collections websites:

Archives Services:  http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/archives/

Special Collections:  http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/specialcollections/

Please refer to Special Collections manuscripts catalogue (http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/manuscripts/search/) and main library catalogue (http://eleanor.lib.gla.ac.uk/search~S0/) for further details and comprehensive holdings.

Nearly 100 items of relevance from our collections are described in a web exhibition: Scottish Thought & Letters in the Eighteenth Century: http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/exhibns/scottish/index.html and over 60 images of Smith documents in a web exhibition: Smith in Glasgow http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/archives/exhibitions/smith

NB. for the printed books, only pre-1850 printed editions are listed where the figure is the author (i.e. not those books where figure is the subject). For full bibliographical details on all printed items, please see the entries on our main library catalogue.

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Adam Smith (1723-1790)

University of Glasgow
Student, 1737-1740
Snell Exhibitioner, 1740
Honorary Degree LLD, 1762
Professor of Logic, 1751-1752
Professor of Moral Philosophy, 1752-1764
Rector from 1787-1789 (2 terms)

On his appointment as Rector of the University of Glasgow in 1787 he remembered his years as a professor at the University as "by far the happiest and most honourable" in his life (GUA32202).

Archive Services

Archive Services holds documents relating to Smith’s registration as a student and his academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters, salary payments and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library and Rector. Documents include the following:

GUA8549: Precept in favour of Adam Smith for £17 10s drawn on the library, 10 Jan 1764

GUA15625: Letter from Adam Smith to Joshua Sharpe of Lincoln’s Inn concerning complaints made by Snell Exhibitioners and saying that they 'enjoy but a very small part of the advantages which they expected to derive …', and mentioning Dr King of St Mary's Hall, Balliol College, Oxford, Mr Wedderburn and Dr Joseph Black, Professor of Medicine, 15 Jun 1762

GUA15626: Draft letter from Adam Smith on the subject of Professor Anderson’s absence abroad with Mr Campbell and mentioning the Earl of Glasgow, [176?]

GUA17181: Account of Adam Smith's intromissions during his quaestorship of Glasgow University library, 1758-1760

GUA19572: Receipt by Alexander Lindesay for Adam Smith, late Quaestor for Glasgow University library, 28 Jun 1758

GUA30165: Letter from Sir Thomas Miller accepting the office of Rector and appointing Adam Smith to preside as Vice-Rector in his absence, 16 Nov 1762

GUA30349: Letter from Adam Smith to Robert Simson accepting post of Professor of Logic, 10 Jan 1751

GUA32202: Letter from Adam Smith to Principal Davidson, acknowledging his election as Rector of the University of Glasgow, 16 Nov 1787

References can be found in the Senate and Faculty minutes to Smith’s appointment and resignation to the Snell Exhibition, the chairs of Logic and Moral Philosophy and posts of Vice-Rector and Rector.
Special Collections

Cf. Scottish Thought & Letters exhibition: ‘Adam Smith’ web page:
http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/exhibns/scottish/adamsmith.html

Bannerman Papers

The Bannerman papers: MS Gen 1035
240 documents relating to Adam Smith, including a large number of autograph letters to and from him. Formerly in the possession of the Rev. Dr David Douglas Bannerman, a descendant of David Douglas, Lord Reston, Adam Smith’s heir. Included are several documents relating to Adam Smith, W.S. (1679-1723), ie. Adam Smith’s father. Of particular interest:

Lecture notes/essays

Manuscript by Adam Smith, being the earliest form of the essay “Of the affinity between certain English and Italian verses”, which was published in Essays on philosophical subjects: MS Gen 1035/226

Fragment of a lecture on Jurisprudence, introductory to a group of lectures corresponding to the parts on Domestic Law and Private Law in the Glasgow Lectures: MS Gen 1035/227

Very early economic work of Adam Smith, one of the Edinburgh lectures. I. Division of labour. - II. Land and water carriage: MS Gen 1035/229

Correspondence

Letter from Adam Smith to his mother, Adderbury, 23 Oct. 1741: MS Gen 1035/127
Letter from Adam Smith to his mother, [Balliol College, Oxford], 12 May [?1742]: MS Gen 1035/128
Letter from Adam Smith to David Hume, [?August 1765]: MS Gen 1035/129
Letter from Adam Smith to David Hume, [?Sept. or Oct. 1765]. Imperfect: MS Gen 1035/130
Letter from Adam Smith to David Hume, [Paris], Hotel du Parc Royale, 13 March 1766: MS Gen 1035/131
Letter from Adam Smith to David Hume, Kirkcaldy, 16 June 1776: MS Gen 1035/132
Draft letter from Adam Smith to an unknown correspondent, [?after 1783]: MS Gen 1035/134
Letter from Alexander Wedderburn, to Adam Smith, 20 March [?1754]: MS Gen 1035/135
Letter from Gilbert Elliot of Minto, to Adam Smith, 14 Nov. 1758: MS Gen 1035/136
Letter from Andrew Millar, to Adam Smith, with list of presentation copies of The Theory of Moral Sentiments, 26 April 1759: MS Gen 1035/137
Letter from Lord Shelburne, to Adam Smith, 26 April 1759: MS Gen 1035/138
Letter from William Robertson, to Adam Smith, 14 June [?1759]: MS Gen 1035/139
Letter from David Steurt Erskine, Lord Cardross, later Earl of Buchan, to Adam Smith, 6 June 1761: MS Gen 1035/140
Letter from William Cullen (by his son Robert), to Adam Smith, 24 June 1761: MS Gen 1035/141
Letter from Adam Ferguson to Adam Smith, 5 Nov. 1761: MS Gen 1035/142
Letter from D. Lyle to Adam Smith, 12 Nov. 1761: MS Gen 1035/143
Letter from Thomas Wallace to Adam Smith, 4 Jan. 1762: MS Gen 1035/144
Letter from Hon. Thomas Fitzmaurice to Adam Smith, 26 Feb. 1762: MS Gen 1035/145
Letter from the Earl of Erroll to Adam Smith, 8 July 1761: MS Gen 1035/146
Letter from Henry Herbert, later Baron Porchester, to Adam Smith, 11 Sept. 1763: MS Gen 1035/147
Letter from Joseph Black to Adam Smith, Glasgow, 23 Jan. 1764. Regarding Smith's mother: MS Gen 1035/148
Letter from John Millar to Adam Smith, 2 Feb. 1764: MS Gen 1035/149
Letter from John Glassford to Adam Smith, 5 Nov. 1764: MS Gen 1035/150
Part of a letter from James Hutton to Adam Smith, undated: MS Gen 1035/151
Letter from Dr John Roebuck to Adam Smith, 1 Nov. 1775. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Walter S. Laurie, dated 23 June 1775: MS Gen 1035/152
Letter from Alexander Wedderburn, later Lord Loughborough, to Adam Smith, 6 June 1776: MS Gen 1035/153
Letter from Adam Ferguson to Adam Smith, 12 April 1777: MS Gen 1035/154
Letter from Alexander Wedderburn, later Lord Loughborough, to Adam Smith, 30 Oct. 1777: MS Gen 1035/155
Letter from Dr John Roebuck to Adam Smith, 1 Nov. 1775. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Walter S. Laurie, dated 23 June 1775: MS Gen 1035/152
Letter from Lord Loughborough, later Lord Loughborough, to Adam Smith, 30 Oct. 1777: MS Gen 1035/155
Letter from Sir Grey Cooper, to Adam Smith, 7 Nov. 1777: MS Gen 1035/156
Letter from [John Macpherson?] to Adam Smith 28 Nov. 1778 [or rather 1779]: MS Gen 1035/157
Letter from le Duc de la Rochefoucauld to Adam Smith, 6 Aug. 1779: MS Gen 1035/158
Letter from the Duke of Buccleuch to Adam Smith, 26 Nov. 1780: MS Gen 1035/159
Letter from Samuel Charters, Calcutta, to Adam Smith, 30 Nov. 1780, complaining of his ill-treatment by Sir Philip Francis: MS Gen 1035/160
Unsigned letter (in French) to Adam Smith, 18 June 1781. Postmarked 'Ostende': MS Gen 1035/161
Letter from Henry Mackenzie to Adam Smith, 7 June 1782: MS Gen 1035/162
Letter from Thomas Cadell to Adam Smith, 12 Dec. 1782: MS Gen 1035/164
Letter from George Dempster to Adam Smith, 18 Dec. 1783: MS Gen 1035/165
Letter from Henry Herbert, Baron Porchester of High Clere, to Adam Smith, 24 Aug. 1785: MS Gen 1035/166
Letter from Robert Reid, Miramichi, New Brunswick, Canada, to Adam Smith, 11 Sept. 1785, describing his present way of life and his peregrinations during the past winter: MS Gen 1035/167
Letter from Buccleuch Sharp to Adam Smith, 5 Feb. 1786: MS Gen 1035/168
Letter from Sir Charles Douglas, to Adam Smith, 2 May 1786: MS Gen 1035/169
Letter from Henry Dundas to Adam Smith, 21 March 1787: MS Gen 1035/170
Letter from John Logan to Adam Smith, 20 Aug. 1787: MS Gen 1035/171
Letter from Buccleuch Sharp to Adam Smith, 5 Feb. 1786: MS Gen 1035/168
Letter from Charles Bingham to Adam Smith, 20 Feb. 1789: MS Gen 1035/172
Letter from Rev. James Stuart Menteath to Adam Smith, 20 April 1789: MS Gen 1035/173
Letter from Henry Scott, 3rd Duke of Buccleuch, to Adam Smith, 24 Feb. 1790: MS Gen 1035/174
Letter, apparently to Adam Smith, from an unknown correspondent, dated 'Londres le 23 Juin 1767': MS Gen 1035/238
Letter, to Adam Smith [?], signed 'Sarsfield' and dated 'paris le 7 Juin 1771': MS Gen 1035/239

Miscellaneous

Bond of Assignation for £30 sterling advanced to Adam Smith by the Trustees of the Churches and Universities Widows' Fund, 11 June 1751: MS Gen 1035/216

Deed of sale by Adam Smith of foreland at Castlegate, Aberdeen, for £115 sterling, to Hugh Gordon [14 May 1757]: MS Gen 1035/218

Dr Smith's Quaestor Accounts from 26th of June 1758 to 26th June 1760: MS Gen 1035/219

Depositions sent by Madame Denis of Ferney to Adam Smith, 11 Oct. 1765: MS Gen 1035/220

Etat des habit linge et effet appartenant a Monsieur Smith. 1765: MS Gen 1035/221

Burgess ticket of Musselburgh issued to Adam Smith, 26 Sept. 1767: MS Gen 1035/222

Prices of corn, cattle &c in Scotland from the earliest accounts to the death of James V: MS Gen 1035/228
An estimate of the gross receipt, payments, and net produce, of the customs in Scotland from the 10th of October 1776, to the 10th of October 1778, with the payments into the Exchequer in the said years ... : MS Gen 1035/232

Calculation of loss to the revenue in North Britain from the abuse of small stills: MS Gen 1035/233

Calculations by Adam Smith: MS Gen 1035/235

**Manuscripts from other collections**

*Lecture notes/essays*

Adam Smith: Notes of his Lectures on jurisprudence: MS Gen 94
The first lecture is dated Decr. 24. 1762, and the last is dated April 12. 1763. These are a variant version of Smith's Lectures on jurisprudence. They are differently arranged and often more fully illustrated and explained than those edited by Edwin Cannan. Typescript copy in six folders at MS Gen 1063

Notes of Dr. Smith's rhetorick lectures: MS Gen 95
In the first volume are 14 lectures by Adam Smith, delivered between 19 November and 24 December 1762, numbered from 2 to 14; two lectures numbered 4 occur on ff. 37 and 49. The second volume contains 15 lectures delivered between 26 December 1762 and 18 February 1763. These are an almost complete set of a student's notes on part of Smith's course on Moral Philosophy at Glasgow University given in his last unbroken academic session as Professor there. They were an elaboration of the public discourses on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres which he had given in Edinburgh during the years 1748-1751.

Juris Prudence or Notes from the Lectures on Justice, Police, Revenue, and Arms delivered in the University of Glasgow by Adam Smith: MS Gen 109
Manuscript fair copy of notes taken by an unidentified student in 1763 [1896 published version at MS Gen 109A]

*Correspondence*

4 letters from Adam Smith to James Stuart Mentieth (between 1785 and 1789): MS Gen 1097/1-4

6 letters to/from Adam Smith to/from Gilbert Elliot of Minto (3rd baronet of Minto), his mother, Charles Townshend (step-father of the Duke of Buccleuch), Dugald Stewart, Adam Smith (his cousin): MS Gen 1097/5-10

Letter, from Adam Smith, to Thomas Cadell, 15 March 1788, concerning Smith's revision of The theory of moral sentiments: MS Gen 1297

Letter from Adam Smith to Alexander Wedderburn, dated Kirkcaldy, 14 August 1776, concerning David Hume's last illness: MS Gen 510/47

Letter from Adam Smith to Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville, 25 March 1789: MS Gen 512/2

Correspondence with William and Robert Cullen (including transcripts): MS Cullen 11, 236, 242, 245 [he is mentioned in passing as a subject in other Cullen correspondence], MS Gen 512/3 (apologising for his inability to attend the funeral of William Cullen, Robert's father)
Miscellaneous

Original burgess ticket, dated 3 May 1762, admitting Adam Smith as an honorary burgess of Glasgow. Engrossed on parchment and endorsed: 'Mr. Adam Smith His ticket of Glasgow, 1762.:' MS Gen 451

Papers of Professor W.R. Scott, mainly relating to his work on Adam Smith: 76 items [not all Smith related]. Created between 1922 and 1939: MS Gen 1293
12 photostats of letters by Smith held by other libraries: MS Gen 1343
Notes on Smith Ancestry/biography etc: MS Gen 1646/87-108
Articles/speeches/lectures on Smith: MS Gen 1646/83-86

Printed books

The theory of moral sentiments
First edition. London: 1759: Mu40-d.10 (presentation copy from Adam Smith to Henry Home, Lord Kames) & RB 2864
Second edition. London: 1761: Bi2-g.5 & Ea8-d.6 (Simson's copy)
Third edition. London: 1767: BC25-g.16
Twelfth edition. Glasgow: 1809: Mu42-e.2
Edinburgh: 1849. Level 10 Main Lib Philosophy CC410.T4 1849 & LRA HA00813

An inquiry into the nature and causes of the wealth of nations
First edition. London: 1776. 2 vols: Mu6-y.20-21, Mu16-a.1-2, Sp Coll q623-624, Bh5-e.5-6 & RQ 3114-3115
Fifth edition. London: 1789: Sp Coll RQ 1214-1216 (Card with Adam Smith's autograph pasted onto the back board of v.1.) & Sp Coll 2223-2225
Tenth edition. London: 1802: BC15-d.5-7
With a view of the doctrine of Smith, compared with that of the French economists …from the French of M. Garnier. London: 1811. 3 vols: LRA E14 (superscript 2)-h.5-7
Edinburgh: 1814. 3 vols: Sp Coll DM.12.23-26
London: 1826: LRA E14 (superscript 2)-h.14
Edinburgh: 1828, 4 vols: LRA HA04879-HA04882
Edinburgh: 1833: LRA 4875
London: 1843. 4 vols: LRA E14-h.17-20
Edinburgh: 1849: LRA HA00813
French translation. The Hague: 1778-1779. 4 vols: Sp Coll Mu16-h.31-34
Essays on philosophical subjects
London: 1795; Sp Coll Mu4-y.20, Sp Coll Mu4-a.7, Sp Coll q174, Sp Coll q175 & Sp Coll q176
Basel: 1800: BC29-e.25

Review of Dr Johnson's Dictionary of the English language by Adam Smith. In part 1 of The Edinburgh Review, [January to July 1755]: Mu42-i.16

NB. we also hold 40 books from Adam Smith's Library, identified by his book label.

John Anderson (1726-1796)

University of Glasgow
Student, 1741-1746
Graduate, MA 1745
King William’s bursar, 1746
Professor of Oriental Languages, 1755-1757
Professor of Natural Philosophy, 1757-1796

Archive Services

Archive Services holds documents relating to his registration as a student and his academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters; correspondence concerning his accommodation in College; disputes with Principal and other colleagues, and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library. Documents include the following:

GUA5210: List of instruments belonging to the University of Glasgow in the physical class, signed by Professor John Anderson with a note that any other instruments are his own personal property, nd

GUA34695: Copy letter from the Masters of the College of Glasgow to the Duke of Argyll seeking approval of the election of George Muirhead to the Chair of Humanity and John Anderson to the Chair of Oriental Languages, 3 Jan 1755

GUA43160: Letter from John Anderson to Robert Simson, Professor of Mathematics, concerning unrest in France and the Duke of Argyll’s patronage of candidates for the Chair of Medicine at Glasgow University, May 1756

GUA43161: Letter from John Anderson to Professor Robert Simson discussing various books, including Euclid and Sanderson’s Treatise, Jun 1756

GUA45252: Copy Faculty minutes concerning a dispute between Dr Moore and Mr Anderson over the naming of a new committee for putting up the astronomical instruments in the University of Glasgow, 1760

GUA27026: Reasons for protest by William Leechman, Robert Simson, James Clow and John Anderson against the resolution to determine Mr Ruat’s affair by majority vote, having resolved to deprive him of his office for being absent without leave, 1760
GUA27027: Reply to reasons of protest of Leechman, Simson, Clow and Anderson signed by Hercules Lindsay, Dean of Faculty, James Moor and Adam Smith, rebutting arguments on patent rights and that Ruat's obligation to his new patron does not cancel his previous duty to the University of Glasgow, 1760

GUA8537: Account between Mr Clow and Mr Anderson concerning the quaestorship of the library, n.d. [1764]

GUA26855: Statement by John Anderson against the regulations concerning degrees, 1 May 1764

GUA8542: Memorandum of payment by John Anderson to Mr Jack for 65 hours of writing in the library, 13 Dec 1765

GUA8547: Receipted account by John Anderson for books, 26 Dec 1765

GUA8522: Account by John Anderson, Quaestor of the library, of his intromissions with the ordinary fund, 10 Jun 1764-10 Jun 1766

GUA8523: Account by John Anderson, Quaestor of the library, of his intromissions with Barrowfield’s Fund, 10 Jun 1764-10 Jun 1766

GUA8524: Account by John Anderson, Quaestor of the library, of his intromissions with Principal Stirling’s Fund, 10 Jun 1764-10 Jun 1766, 1766

GUA8525: List of books sent by Mr Balfour, bookseller, Edinburgh, to John Anderson during his quaestorship, to be passed by Thomas Hamilton, n.d. [1766]

GUA26856: Minute of the protests lodged by John Anderson at the University of Glasgow meeting concerning the delays over disputes relating to the constitutional powers of Courts held by the Rector, the Dean and the Principal, 27 Feb 1766

GUA466: Memorial from Professor John Anderson concerning seating in Blackfriars Kirk and stipend of minister thereof and the vacant office of keeper of the museum and the establishment of a permanent College museum, 17 Mar 1769

GUA43114: Letter from William Porteous to John Anderson asking to be allowed to read the records of the General Assembly from 1688 downwards, Oct 1772

GUA501: Letter (enclosed with GUA 502) by Shedrach Moyse of the Customs House, Edinburgh, to George Clark Maxwell concerning interpretation and fictitious sale of 15 boxes of pictures and one box of busts from Campveere for the Academy, 24 Nov 1772

GUA502: Letter by George Clark [Maxwell] to Professor Anderson concerning the sale of the pictures imported from Campveere via Bo’ness for the Foulis Academy in 1753 (enclosing GUA 501), 29 Nov 1772

GUA30190: Extract from minutes concerning the misconduct of the Russian student, Simon Desnitzkoy on 8 December 1766 when he insulted Mr Anderson while conducting music in Glasgow University Chapel., 6 Jan 1767

GUA30191: Testimonials (3) signed by Simon Desnitzkoy in the presence of the Comitia acknowledging his misconduct, apologising to Mr Anderson and undertaking to behave respectfully in the future, 6 Jan 1767

GUA26860: Memorial from John Anderson to the Principal and Professors of Glasgow College listing deficiencies in accommodation for the Physics class and for Physics instruments, 23 May 1768

GUA26862: Report of the Committee on the necessity of a new Physics class, concluding that by heightening the walls of the Common Hall according to Mr Anderson’s model, the present needs will best be met, 17 Oct 1768
GUA26874: Letter from the Reverend Mr Finlay to John Anderson thanking the University of Glasgow for inviting him to preach in the College Chapel, 22 Dec 1768

GUA26880: Estimate by John Anderson and William Shaw confirming the walls of the Common Hall to be strong enough to carry the proposed additional weight, 6 Feb 1769

GUA26881: Execution by John Bryce, Bedellus, College of Glasgow, against Robert and Andrew Foulis whereby they were to remove themselves from the binding rooms and the rooms above, 17 Feb 1769

GUA26882: Minutes of the Committee upon the Physics Class; draft letter to Messrs Foulis giving information of alternative accommodation, 24 Feb 1769

GUA26883: Answer by John Anderson to Dr Trail's dissent to be inserted in the minute of the University of Glasgow meeting concerning the allocation of rooms to the Messrs Foulis, 4 Apr 1769

GUA26890: Letter from T Moore to John Anderson informing him that he can no longer attend the College Chapel as precentor this session since it is not financially profitable and requesting a rise in payment, 23 May 1770

GUA58282: Miscellaneous accounts, including account, Glasgow College to Mr Anderson, for money expended by him in procuring antiquities found in tract of Roman wall between Forth and Clyde, 1771-1774

GUA26892: Minute recording a complaint from John Anderson and his petition for redress to the Visitors of the College of Glasgow relating to efforts to bring the state of the College accounts to order; recourse to the Royal Visitors is Anderson's last resort, 6 Apr 1773

GUA26893: Letter from John Anderson to the Dr Leechman, Principal, University of Glasgow, concerning the complaint against him by Mr Prossor, 22 Apr 1773

GUA29060: Reasons of dissent entered by Dr Reid against a deliverance of the meeting, objecting to the treatment of Professor Anderson accused of mistreating a student and expressing the opinion that he, Anderson, is not receiving a fair trial and adequate time and resources to prepare a defence, 23 Apr 1773

GUA26894: Minute recording the protest of John Anderson against the University of Glasgow meeting contesting the powers of the University Rectoral Court to try a professor and specifically the present case of Mr Anderson v. Mr Prossor, 27 Apr 1773

GUA58284: Miscellaneous accounts, including precept and receipt, Mr Anderson, for Roman antiquities, given by Sir Laurence Dundas and precept and receipts for Roman inscriptions, 1773-1776

GUA26895: Extract from minutes relating to discussion of claims to expenses by members of the University of Glasgow, with particular reference to Mr Anderson's case, 20 May 1776

GUA34663: Manuscript excerpts from the Faculty of the College of Glasgow minutes concerning, in particular, the misdemeanors of certain students and the College's action over this, and the proceedings surrounding the dispute between Dr Hugh Macleod and Professor John Anderson, Dec 1776- Apr 1783

GUA5158: Extract minute of Faculty asserting the Faculty has done nothing to cause the College expense in their execution of the Shaw Park Decree and answers other protests concerning accounts and maladministration lodged by Mr Anderson, Dr Wilson and Dr Reid, 8 Jun 1778

GUA5160: Statement made at the Faculty meeting by Professor Anderson against the Principal's conduct in entering the minutes of the last meeting in a way contrary to statute and practice, n.d.(1778)

GUA5161: Intimation by Mr Wilson to Dr Leechman that the certificate in favour of the professors has been lodged with the Exchequer, in Leechman v. Traill, n.d.(1778)
GUA26906: Petition from John Anderson to the Rector, Dean of Faculties and Principal of the University of Glasgow objecting to the proposed rise in fees for the students in the Physics class, [1780s]

GUA26907: Memorandum from John Robertson to John Anderson concerning subscription for bridge and road due, [1780s]

GUA26908: Letter from John Anderson to Dr Leechman stating that he will not attend the meeting for the examination of Loftus Woods for the reasons mentioned in yesterday's minutes and for those sent by Mr Crombie, [1780s]

GUA26909: Minute (fragment only) recording a message from James Hill to the Faculty via John Anderson to the effect that, since the Shaw Park decree is dissolved, he will not proceed with the College of Glasgow accounts until a full order concerning these is received by him, [1780s]

GUA5151: Representation and petition of Principal Leechman to the Faculty concerning requisition of Professor Anderson to lay his answers to Principal’s protest against the Faculty's acquiescence in the Shaw Park Decree, 7 Feb 1780

GUA26900: Original minutes concerning the dispute before the Faculty – Reid and Anderson against Wight, Cumin and Stevenson 1780, 1780

GUA29075: Memorial of Mr Anderson to the Faculty of Glasgow College concerning the rejection of his claim for money for repairs to his house and criticising the University's administration in a general fashion, particularly the influence the Visitors seem to have on policy, 1782

GUA27354: Extracts from the minutes of Faculty relating to Professor John Anderson, Feb 1782-Apr 1784

GUA34664: Manuscript excerpts from the Faculty of the College of Glasgow minutes, mostly concerning Professor John Anderson and Dr Hugh Macleod, Dec 1782-Mar 1783

GUA34621: Manuscript complaint by Dr Hugh MacLeod, Professor of Ecclesiastical History, against John Anderson, concerning his persecution of students of Professor Macleod, notably the Honourable Warren Fitzroy, 11 Jan 1783

GUA34624: Manuscript copy interlocutor on the Bill of Advocation of John Anderson, against Dr Hugh Macleod, 19 Apr 1783

GUA34646: Manuscript defences for John Anderson, Professor of Natural Philosophy, to the libel of Dr Hugh Macleod, Professor of Ecclesiastical History, 12 May 1783

GUA34632: Manuscript of Professor John Millar's comments on Professor John Anderson's protest and the conduct of the case, c.May 1783

GUA34640: Manuscript statement to be inserted in the minutes by the Committee appointed for the examinations of witnesses in the dispute Anderson against Macleod, 19 May 1783

GUA34651: Manuscript memorial of John Anderson, Professor of Natural Philosophy, to the Ordinary Visitors of Glasgow College, 13 Oct, and reply by Henry Dundas, Rector of the College on behalf of the Visitors, 14 Oct, 1783

GUA27333: Schedule of the registration and protest of Professor John Anderson to the Principal and Faculty of the College of Glasgow relating to the expulsion of James Wilson, a student, from the College, among other matters, 25 Nov 1783

GUA26758: Separate records in the process before Glasgow College - Hugh Macleod v. John Anderson (Vol.XXX 122), 1783

GUA27334: Letter from Professor John Anderson to Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, relating to the complaint against him by one of his students, Andrew Crawford, Ayrshire, 22 Mar 1784
GUA27335: Petition of Andrew Crawford to Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, relating to Professor John Anderson's refusal to allow him to attend the experiments or lectures in the Natural Philosophy class, 24 Mar 1784

GUA27336a: Reasons of protest signed by Professor John Anderson against the sentence of the Faculty of Glasgow College, 23 Mar 1784

GUA27340: Memorial of the Masters of Arts concerning the institution made by Professor John Anderson for annual prizes to the said Masters of Arts and a note of his expenses incurred in the striking of medals in their favour, 10 Jun 1784

GUA27341a: Letter from Dr John Disney to Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, announcing that the papers held by Professor John Anderson afforded no evidence of the imputation of embezzlement made against Principal Stirling and he intended to publish a vindication of the Principal Stirling in the *Gentlemen's Magazine*, 2 Aug 1784

GUA27344: Copy letter from Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, to Ilay Campbell, Lord Advocate, regretting the conduct of Professor John Anderson and assuring him that 'with regard to a Royal Visitation, we are by no means apprehensive of the issue of any enquiry into our conduct and management', 1784

GUA27345: Copy letter from Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, to Ilay Campbell, Lord Advocate, relating to the conduct of Professor John Anderson, 1784

GUA27346: Copy letter from Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, to Ilay Campbell, Lord Advocate, relating to 'the present disagreeable state of our affairs' and urging him to refuse any help to Professor John Anderson who was going to London with 'seven or eight different petitions for a Royal Visitation', Mar 1785

GUA27348: Copy letter from Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, to the Marquis of Grahame seeking his co-operation against the evil actions of Professor John Anderson who has gone to London without asking permission of the Faculty, May 1785

GUA27349: Copy letter from Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, to the Marquis of Grahame relating to the unauthorised visit of Professor John Anderson to London with a 'whole cargo' of petitions and calumnious allegations against the College, May 1785

GUA27347: Copy letter from Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, to Edmund Burke, Lord Rector, seeking his co-operation against the petitions procured by Professor John Anderson which contain 'the grossest falsehoods', May 1785

GUA27350: Copy letter from Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, to the Right Honourable Henry Dundas, formerly Lord Rector, seeking his co-operation against Professor John Anderson, recently arrived in London, to obtain a hearing from His Majesty's ministers, May 1785

GUA27352: Copy letter from Lord Sydney to Professor John Anderson turning down his official request for a Royal Visitation on the grounds that it would 'be much more likely to injure the discipline … than to promote the peace and good order of that respectable seat of learning', 17 Jun 1785

GUA27363: Copy memorial and petition to Lord Sydney from the Principal and Professors of the Glasgow College relating to Professor John Anderson's demand for a Royal Visitation, [1785]

GUA27357: Letter from Professor John Anderson to Patrick Wilson, Clerk to the Faculty, College of Glasgow, requesting access to College of Glasgow papers for which 'I have asked a sight in writing so often since mid-summer that I am almost ashamed …', 27 Mar 1787

GUA27360: Instrument of intimation in *The Principal and Professors of the College of Glasgow v. Professor John Anderson* relating to access to documents, 6 Apr 1787

GUA26761: Declarator *The College of Glasgow v. John Anderson* (Vol.XXXIII 124), 1787

GUA26762: Decreet absolvitor *The College of Glasgow v. John Anderson* (Vol.XXXIV 125), 1787
GUA58358: Correspondence from Professor Anderson concerning his successor, 1794

References can be found in the Senate and Faculty minutes to Anderson’s appointments to chairs of Oriental Languages and Natural Philosophy, salary payments, repairs to house, physics class room, disputes, complaints against and dissents, including one to “playdays”, scheme for teaching military or civil architecture and French and Italian and “thunder rod” for college steeple, and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library.

Special Collections

Manuscript items

Holograph notebook of John Anderson, with notes covering the year 1784. [Given to H.G. Farmer by Adam Henderson]: MS Farmer 333

Letter from John Anderson to William Cullen, Glasgow Oct. 10 1766 (or 1760?): MS Cullen 49

Copy of Anderson’s will, dated 7th May 1795, and codicil to his trustees, dated 4th January 1796: MS Gen 533/39

Note by 11th Earl of Buchan on Professor John Anderson. 16th August 1798: MS Murray 502/76

Printed books

A compend of experimental philosophy; containing propositions proved by a course of experiments in natural philosophy
Glasgow (Foulis): 1760: Sp Coll Mu32-h.27 & Sp Coll Mu1-g.27

A full and true account of a surprising discovery made by a learned Professor in the College of Glasgow, in 1763 by Criticos Commingens [ie. Professor John Anderson?]
Glasgow?: [1764]: Sp Coll Mu21-a.46

Institutes of physics
Volume first. Glasgo: 1777: Sp Coll BD12-d.1

Observations upon Roman antiquities, discovered between the Forth and Clyde
Edinburgh: (Foulis), 1800: Sp Coll Mu21-y.31-32

Summons to the Dean of Faculties in the University of Glasgow to appear before the Court of Session at the instance of Mr. John Anderson

Answer to The Principal’s reasons of protest in The members of the Committee of Faculty, which was appointed to carry the Shaw-Park decree into execution, give the following answers to the Principal's reason of protest, taken April Ist, 1776 …
Glasgow : 1778: LRA Y7-b.20 & Sp Coll Mu21-b.20

Answers for Mr John Anderson, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow, to the petition of the Rev. Dr William Taylor, minister of the Inner High-Church of Glasgow, December 8, 1785
[S.I.]: [1785]: Sp Coll Mu Add. q16

Unto the Right Honourable the Lords of Council and Session, the petition of Mr John Anderson, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow, February 9, 1786.
[S.I.]: [1786]: Sp Coll Mu Add. q16
Unto the Right Honourable the Lords of Council and Session, the petition of Mr John Anderson, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow, March 1, 1786
[S.I.]: [1786]: Sp Coll Mu Add. q16

Collection of Court of Session papers in the action brought by Mr. John Anderson against the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Rector, Principal and Professors of Glasgow College, and also Rev. William Taylor, minister of the Inner Church of Glasgow
[Edinburgh]: [1786-1787]: Sp Coll Mu21-y.15

Tracts relating to Professor John Anderson, Glasgow
[Edinburgh]: [1785-1927]: Sp Coll Mu21-b.21-22

Later will and codicil of professor John Anderson, the founder of the university.
[Glasgow]: [1795?]: LRA Store HA00837

Anderson's University; extracts from the latter will and codicil of Professor John Anderson, the founder of the University
[Glasgow]: [1796]: Sp Coll Mu29-d.27 & Sp Coll Mu22-a.7

James Beattie (1735-1803)

Special Collections

Manuscript

A compendious system of pneumatology, comprehending, psychology, moral philosophy, and logic. Taken at the lectures of Mr Js Beattie P.P. at the Marischal College and University of Abdn. By J. Rennie. Anno 1767: MS Hamilton 55

Printed books

Dissertations Moral And Critical
London/Edinburgh: 1783: Sp Coll BC27-x.17, RQ 1549 & Bm9-e.4

Elements of moral science
Edinburgh/London: 1790-1793: 2 vols: Sp Coll RB 3847 (vol. 1 only: with ms. annotations)

An essay on the nature and immutability of truth, in opposition to sophistry and scepticism
Edinburgh/London: 1770: Sp Coll RB 1953
Second edition, corrected and enlarged. Edinburgh: 1771: Sp Coll Bk10-f.23 & Hunterian Bo.3.24 (with inscription by William Hunter: 'Given to me by the King')
Seventh edition, corrected, to which is now prefixed, a sketch of the origin and progress of the work. London: 1807: Level 10 Main Lib Philosophy LF350 BEA
London: 1824: Sp Coll Robertson Bf61-m.34

Essays on poetry and music, as they affect the mind; on laughter, and ludicrous composition; on the usefulness of classical learning
Third edition, corrected. London: 1779: Sp Coll A.d.45 & LRA Cc3-e.20
Evidences of the Christian religion; briefly and plainly stated
Edinburgh: 1786. 2 v in 1: Sp Coll RB 3236

History of the Church of Scotland during the Commonwealth
Edinburgh: 1842: LRA C15-i.8

A letter to the Rev. Hugh Blair, D.D. one of the ministers of Edinburgh, on the improvement of psalmody in Scotland
[Edinburgh?]: 1778: Sp Coll B.d.74 (author's autograph initials on p. 31; also autographs of Professor John Gordon, Aberdeen, and Principal John Lee, Edinburgh)
[Aberdeen]:1778: Sp Coll Mu41-f.5
Edinburgh: 1829: Sp Coll T.C.L. 4085

The minstrel; or, the progress of genius: and other poems
Edinburgh: 1803: Sp Coll BD20-a.10
To which is prefixed, a life of the author. Edinburgh: 1804: Sp Coll T.C.L. 1465
With designs by Mr. Thurston: and engraved on wood by Mr. Clennel. Glasgow: 1805: Sp Coll Mu50-c.12
Alnwick: 1807: Sp Coll BD20-c.17
Alnwick: 1810: Sp Coll BG60-i.35
London: 1828: Sp Coll Bo3-k.18

Original poems and translations
London: 1760: Sp Coll 197

Scoticisms, arranged in alphabetical order, designed to correct improprieties of speech and writing
Edinburgh: 1787: Sp Coll BG51-h.6 & Bf73-g.33

The theory of language

Joseph Black (1728-1799)

University of Glasgow
Student, 1737-1740
Lecturer on Chemistry, 1756-1766
Professor of Anatomy, 1756-1757
Professor of Practice of Medicine, 1757-66
Clerk of Senate 1762-1766

Archive Services
Archive Services holds documents relating to Black’s registration as a student and his academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters, salary payments and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library. Documents include the following:

GUA30491: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson mentioning Dr Cullen’s resignation, Dr Hamilton and Dr Black, 6 Mar 1756
GUA58242: Accounts and vouchers including precept and receipt to Dr Black for the encouragement of chemistry), 1757-1758

GUA58414: Vouchers and list of accounts for furnaces and utensils provided for the laboratory and account of Dr Black to James Watt for providing a lid to Papins digester and turning a steel screw, letter No.8, 14 Jan 1756,

GUA15625: Letter from Adam Smith to Joshua Sharpe of Lincoln’s Inn mentioning Dr Joseph Black, Professor of Medicine, 15 Jun 1762

GUA43336: Notes on which records from the University Committee meetings were given into the custody of Dr Black, clerk, Jun 1762

GUA29014: Letter from Thomas Hooper to Dr Joseph Black, physician in Glasgow, recommending Thomas Cameron for the degree of MD, 17 Jun 1764

GUA29017: Letter from Thomas Hooper to Dr Black concerning Thomas Cameron's honorary degree of MD, 10 Oct 1764

GUA45267: Demission and resignation by Dr Joseph Black, 1765

GUA43081: List of utensils necessary for Dr Black’s laboratory at Glasgow University, Oct 1766

References can be found in the Senate and Faculty minutes to Black’s appointments and resignation; salaries; and his role as Clerk of Senate

Special Collections

Manuscripts

Lectures on Chemistry by Joseph Black: MS Ferguson 36
Notes on part of the lectures on the elements of chemistry delivered by Black at Edinburgh University, where he became Professor of Chemistry in 1766; undated.

Lectures on the elements of chemistry by Joseph Black. 1774: MS Gen 49
These volumes contain the text of the complete course of lectures delivered by Joseph Black as Professor of Chemistry at Edinburgh University. The last lecture is signed at end 'I. Bruce script.' and dated May 2, 1774; also initialed 'J.M.F. 7.5.48'.

Lectures on the elements of chemistry by Joseph Black. 1776: MS Ferguson 173-174
These volumes contain the text of the complete course of lectures delivered by Black as Professor of Chemistry at Edinburgh University. The first lecture is dated May '76.

Lectures on the elements of chemistry. 18th century: MS Ferguson 40-41
These volumes contain notes on part of the lectures delivered by Black at the University of Edinburgh; 1 folding illustration of Fahrenheit scale of temperatures, some ink drawings in second volume.

Letter from Joseph Black, Edinb: 15 Jany 1754, to William Cullen: MS Cullen 5

Letter from Joseph Black to Adam Smith. Glasgow, 23 Jan. 1764. [Regarding Smith’s mother]: MS Gen 1035/148

Letter from Joseph Black to an unnamed doctor, dated 8 December 1764: MS Gen 512/17

Printed Books

An account of the hot springs in Iceland; with an analysis of their waters
Edinburgh: [1791-1794]: Sp Coll Ferguson Ai-b.39 & Ferguson Ai-c.43

Examen chemicum doctrinae Meyerianae de acido pingui, et Blackianae de aere fixo, respectu calcis. Autore Nicolao Josepcho Jacquin ...
Vienna: 1769: Sp Coll Ferguson Add. 116

Experiments upon magnesia alba, quick-lime, and other alcaline substances
[Edinburgh]: [1756]: Sp Coll Mu55-g.37
Edinburgh: 1782: Sp Coll Ferguson Ap-x.11 & Ferguson Ar-f.48

An explanation of the effect of lime upon alkaline salts
Dublin: 1771 [in Francis Home: Experiments on bleaching]: Sp Coll Mu56-g.26

Lectures on the elements of chemistry, delivered in the University of Edinburgh
London: 1803: Sp Coll c.6.21-22 & NN.4.17-18
Edinburgh: 1803: Sp Coll Ferguson Al-y.15-16 and Ferguson Ao-y.7-8

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Hugh Blair (1718-1800)

Special Collections

Manuscript

Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles-Lettres. Edinburgh, 1777: MS Murray 1
Student notes

Printed Books

A catalogue of part of the library which belonged to Hugh Blair ...; to be sold by auction, within Elliot's Rooms, at the Cross, Edinburgh; on ... 13th April, and five following evenings ...
Edinburgh: 1801: Sp Coll Mu34-c.23

The compassion and beneficence of the Deity. A sermon preached ... in the Tron church of Edinburgh, May, 20, 1796
Edinburgh: 1796: Sp Coll d.7.5

A Critical dissertation on the poems of Ossian
London: 1763 [in Temora, an ancient epic poem, in eight books: together with several other epic poems ... Translated from the Galic language, by James Macpherson]: Sp Coll Bm6-f.10

Four practical sermons: on the universal presence of God; the folly and wickedness of lying; the dreadful presumption of revenge; and, religious industry [H. Blair ... et al.].
London: 1813: LRA D1-l.16

Lectures on rhetoric and belles lettres
London: 1783. 2 v: Sp Coll Bm9-e.9-10
Dublin: 1783. 3 v: Sp Coll Bo3-e.15-17
Eighth edition: London: 1801. 3 v: LRA E7-a.15-17
To which is prefixed, a life of the author. Edinburgh: 1820. 2 v: Sp Coll BG46-l.18-19
London: 1824; Level 9 Main Lib Gen Lit C450 BLA
London: 1838: LRA Ba5-g.20

A letter to the Reverend Hugh Blair, D.D. one of the ministers of Edinburgh: on the improvement of psalmody in Scotland
[Aberdeen]: 1778: Sp Coll Mu41-f.5

Objections against the Essays on morality and natural religion examined
Edinburgh: 1756: Sp Coll Mu46-f.22

Sentimental beauties from the writings of the late Dr. Hugh Blair: including the latest editions of his sermons, lectures, &c. alphabetically arranged with a copious account of the life and writings of the author; by W. Hamilton Reid.

Sermons
Edinburgh/Glasgow:1815. 5 v.: Sp Coll Eadie 634-638
To which is prefixed, a short account of the life and character of the author by James Finlayson]:
London: 1815-1816: LRA D4-h.1-4
Edinburgh: 1824-1825. 2 v.: Level 10 Main Lib Theology SY110 BLA

Sermons. Gaelic.
Aireamh thaghta de shearmoinibh an olla urramaich E. Blair ... air an eadar-theangachadh gu Gaelic, le P. Macpharlain ...
Edinburgh: 1812: Sp Coll RB 429 & Sp Coll 1601

The wrath of man praising God: a sermon preached ... May 18th, 1746, before His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland
Edinburgh: 1746: Sp Coll Mu42-e.35

James Boswell (1740-1795)

University of Glasgow
Student, 1759

Archive Services
Archive Services holds documents relating to his registration as a student.

Special Collections

Manuscript
The Grinners, and the Siege of Carthage. [c.1790]. With typed transcript: MS Murray 113
Printed Books

An account of Corsica, the journal of a tour to that island; and memoirs of Pascal Paoli. ... Glasgow (Foulis): 1768: Sp Coll BG52-f.14, BD12-d.12 & RB 2779


The essence of the Douglas cause. To which is subjoined some observations on a pamphlet lately published, intitled Considerations on the Douglas cause [Attributed to James Boswell.] London: 1767: LRA F13 (superscript 2)-y.4


A letter to the people of Scotland, on the alarming attempt to infringe the articles of the Union, and introduce a most pernicious innovation, by diminishing the number of the Lords of Session. London: 1785: Sp Coll Mu10-c.19, Mu10-c.20 & LRA Y6-a.13


The principal corrections and additions to the first edition of Mr Boswell's life of Dr. Johnson. London: 1793: LRA Y7-a.17

The table talk of Samuel Johnson. London: 1818. 2 v.: LRA HA04503

No abolition of slavery; or The universal empire of love: a poem. London: 1791: Sp Coll q70

Reflections on the late alarming bankruptcies in Scotland [attributed to James Boswell]. Edinburgh: 1772: Sp Coll RB 3080
Songs in the justiciary opera, composed fifty years ago [attributed to James Boswell]
Auchinleck: 1816: Sp Coll RQ 1263

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**Robert Burns (1759-1796)**

See the University of Glasgow’s Centre for Robert Burns Studies:
[http://www.gla.ac.uk/robertburnsstudies/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/robertburnsstudies/)

**Special Collections**

**Manuscripts**

There are numerous musical compositions based on Burns’ works in our music collections (eg. Drysdale and MacCunn collections) – see manuscripts catalogue for details.

**Printed books**

*Listing does not include scores to individual songs of which there are numerous examples.*

An address to the deil (Illustrated by numerous engravings on wood, after designs by Thomas Landseer)
London: 1830: LRA Y5-i.23

Burns’ songs. No.1. [chapbook]
Glasgow: [1840?]: Sp Coll 2308

Extempore verses on dining with Lord Daer, accompanied with a prose letter to a friend... [chapbook]
Glasgow: [1799]: Sp Coll Bh12-f.42

Holy Willie’s prayer, Letter to John Goudie, Kilmarnock, and six favourite songs... [chapbook]
Glasgow: [1799?]: Sp Coll Bh12-f.42

The jolly beggars; or, tatterdemallions: a cantata. To which are added, Lines on wrangling, The wish, and The lady’s choice [chapbook]
Glasgow, [1799]: Sp Coll Bh12-f.42

The Kirk’s alarm: a satire. A letter to a taylor, The Deil’s awa wi’ the exciseman, The holy toolzie, and Holy Willie’s epitaph, etc. etc. [chapbook]
Glasgow: [1799?]: Sp Coll Bh12-f.42

The melodies of Scotland … The poetry chiefly by Burns. The whole collected by G. Thomson ... in six volumes
New edition. London: [1830]: LRA HQ01086

Poems, chiefly in the Scottish dialect
Kilmarnock: 1786: Sp Coll 21
Edinburgh, 1787: Sp Coll RB 2521 (Burns’ own copy with the names filled in, by him, on various pages. An extra verse of Tam Samson’s Elegy is added on margin of page 152, and at the end there are three manuscript poems in Burn’s hand), Sp Coll RB 2792 (handwritten letter bound at front, signed James Richardson), Sp Coll BD20-c.15, Sp Coll Hepburn 183 (second issue;
inscribed on title page: To Mr Smellie, With the Author’s Compliments, Sp Coll 914 (second issue), Sp Coll 915 (second issue)
London: 1787: Sp Coll 916
Edinburgh: 1801. 2 v.: Sp Coll Hepburn 33-34
Perth: 1813: Sp Coll Bl76-c.8

Poems and songs
Glasgow: 1802: LRA HA01505
With a life of the author … Ayr: 1819: Sp Coll Mu20-g.20 & LRA HA06155

Poems ascribed to Robert Burns … not contained in any edition of his work hitherto published
Glasgow: 1801: Sp Coll BG60-d.7 & Sp Coll q47

Poems … with an account of his life, and miscellaneous remarks on his writings [by Josiah Walker]
Edinburgh: 1811. With frontis port.: LRA HA05759-HA05760

Poems in French
Poésies complètes de Robert Burns traduites de l’écossais par M. Léon de Wailly …
Paris: 1843: Sp Coll BD20-g.9 & LRA Cc8-f.18

Poems in German
Gedichte von Robert Burns. Uebersetzt von Philipp Kaufmann
Stuttgart:1839: Sp Coll Eadie 59

The poems, letters, and land of Robert Burns: illustrated by W.H. Bartlett, T. Allom, and other artists. With a new memoir of the poet, and notices, critical and biographical, of his works by Allan Cunningham
London, 1838. 2 v: Sp Coll BD6-c.12-13

Poetical works of Robert Burns
Edinburgh: 1815: Sp Coll 217
New edition. Including the pieces published in his correspondence, with his songs and fragments. To which is prefixed, a sketch of his life. London: 1804. 3 v.: Sp Coll 938-940
As collected and published by Dr. Currie. With additional poems, a memoir of the author, and an enlarged glossary. London: 1832: Sp Coll Bo3-k.18
with his life. Ornamented with engravings on wood by Mr Bewick …
Alnwick: 1808: Sp Coll 124-125 & RB 2774

Reliques of Robert Burns: consisting chiefly of original letters, poems and critical observations on Scottish songs collected and published by R.H. Cromek
London: 1803: LRA P23-b.6

The sacred harp. A selection of … sacred melodies, ancient and modern; with a variety of original tunes … composed and arranged … for this work … [by R. Burns etc]. Adapted … by Robert Burns
Third edition. Glasgow: [1845?]: Sp Coll G.d.17

The Scots musical museum
Vol. 3 by James Johnson. Edinburgh: [1790?]: Sp Coll RQ 1622
A select collection of original Scottish airs for the voice … including upwards of one hundred new songs by Burns [collected by George Thomson]
First set. London: [1793?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.1
Third set. London: [1799?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.2
Fourth set. London: [1799?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.2
Second edition London: [1794?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.3
Vol. 1. London: [1801?]: Sp Coll N.x.55
Vol. 1 [London]: [1803?]: Sp Coll N.x.56, Ca9-x.4 & Ca9-x.6
Vol. 1 London: [1817?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.14
Vol. 2 [London]: [1801?]: Sp Coll Ca11-y.26
Vol. 2 London: [1803?]: Sp Coll Ca11-y.26, Ca9-x.4 & Ca9-x.7
Vol. 2 London: [1810?]: Sp Coll Ca9-z.1
Vol. 2 London: [1820?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.14
Vol. 3 London: [1803?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.4 (superscript 2) & Ca9-x.8
Vol. 3 London: [1817?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.10
Vol. 4 London: 1805: Sp Coll N.x.58, N.x.59, Ca9-x.9 & Ca9-x.13
Vol. 4 London: [1817?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.11
Vol. 5 London: [1817?]: Sp Coll Ca9-x.12 & Sp Coll Ca9-z.2
Fifth edition. London: [1817]: Sp Coll N.x.57
New edition, with many additions and improvements. London: 1826: Sp Coll Ca9-z.3, Ca9-z.4, Ca9-z.5, Ca9-z.6, & N.x.60
Appendix [London]: 1826: Sp Coll Farmer Add. f4

Select Scotish songs: ancient and modern with critical observations and biographical notices by Robert Burns; edited by R. H. Cromek
London: 1810. 2 v.: LRA HA07696 (set lacks vol. 2)

The select songs of Scotland (Includes words by Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott)
Glasgow: 1848: Sp Coll N.a.21 & Ca9-x.38

Thomson's collection of the songs of Burns … ([for the most part, the songs are taken from the various folio volumes of Thomson’s 'A selection collection of original Scottish/Welsh/Irish airs']
Vol. 2. London: [1831?]: Sp Coll RQ 1623

Twenty-five additional Scottish airs … [forming a second part to vol.V of A select collection of Scottish airs]

An unco mournfu tale; to which is added, The antiquarian [this is the first of the pamphlets containing much important original work of Burns which were printed by Stewart & Meikle]
Glasgow : 1796: Sp Coll Mu25-f.44

Verses to the memory of Robert Burns: with an account of his interment at Dumfries, on Monday the 25th of July, 1796: also his epitaph, written by himself
Glasgow: [1797]: Sp Coll RB 4860

The works of Robert Burns with an account of his life, criticism on his writings, &c. &c. as edited by James Currie ...
Liverpool: 1800. 4 v.: Sp Coll BG60-b.1-4
Sixth edition. London: 1809. 6 v.: LRA HA06174-HA06177
New edition, with additional pieces. Montrose: 1816: LRA HA04488
New edition. London: 1819. 4 v.: Sp Coll Mu50-e.1-4 & Level 9 Main Lib English MB700 1819-C
Eighth edition. To which are now added, some further particulars of the author's life, new notes, illustrative of his poems and letters, and many other additions by Gilbert Burns. London: 1820. 4 v.: Sp Coll RQ 2035-2038
The works of Robert Burns
With his life by Allan Cunningham. London: 1834. 8 v.: HA05743-HA05750
Glasgow: 1834-1836. 5 v.: Sp Coll BD20-i.26-30

Correspondence

The correspondence between Burns and Clarinda: with a memoir of Mrs. McLehose (Clarinda) / arranged and edited by her Grandson
Edinburgh: 1843: LRA HA02974

Letters addressed to Clarinda, &c.
Glasgow, 1802: Sp Coll Bh12-f.37 (with 3 portraits inserted)
Belfast: 1806: Sp Coll 2296
New edition Dublin: 1816: Sp Coll Mu47-i.15
New edition Belfast: 1816: Sp Coll Mu49-e.37

George Campbell (1719-1796)

Special Collections

Printed books
An address to the people of Scotland, upon the alarms that have been raised in regard to Popery
Aberdeen: 1779: Sp Coll Mu56-h.31

Bible
The Four Gospels, translated from the Greek with preliminary dissertations, and notes critical and explanatory, by George Campbell
London: 1789. 2 v.: Sp Coll RQ 1059-1060
New edition. London: 1834. 2 v.: LRA Theology FV121
The Holy Bible, with a commentary and evangelical reflections … by George Campbell
Newcastle upon Tyne: 1813: Sp Coll T.C.L. e72
The New Testament translated from the original Greek (Gospels by George Campbell)
Edinburgh: 1833: LRA B2-k.3
Aberdeen: 1839: Sp Coll Euing Dc-b.3
The sacred writings of the apostles and evangelists of Jesus Christ, commonly styled the New Testament. Translated from the original Greek, by Doctors George Campbell [etc]

A dissertation on miracles containing an examination of the principles advanced by David Hume, Esq; in an essay on miracles...
Edinburgh: 1762: Sp Coll T.C.L. 1893
Third edition, with additions and corrections. Edinburgh: 1797: Sp Coll RB 3275-3276
London: 1824: Sp Coll NR.9.r

Lectures on ecclesiastical history: to which is added an essay on Christian temperance and self-denial … with some account of the life and writings of the author by George Skene Keith
London: 1800. 2 v: LRA C2-h.4-5
Gershom Carmichael (1672-1729)

University of Glasgow

Regent, 1694-1727
Professor of Moral Philosophy, 1727-1729

Archive Services

Archive Services holds documents relating to Carmichael’s academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters, salary payments and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library. Documents include the following:

GUA47389-47395: Papers concerning the visitation of 1717/18, including remarks on Carmichael’s and Loudoun’s representation to the Faculty protesting against the Faculty, 1717

GUA43170: Statement by Gerschom Carmichael on his method of teaching philosophy at Glasgow University, c.1697

GUA34562: Subscriptions to the Oath of Allegiance to Queen Anne by Masters of the College of Glasgow, 19 Sep 1702, 10 Sep 1708 and 18 Feb 1714, signators include G Carmichael, 1702-1714

GUA30178: Letter from John Maxwell of Pollock, Rector, to Gerschom Carmichael, Philosophy Regent, concerning Sanderson, an English student, who has been misbehaving, 3 Aug 1716

GUA27140: Letter from Gersham Carmichael to John Stirling acknowledging letters, one concerning ‘the sugar house notes’; general news of the College of Glasgow, 14 Jun 1717

GUA28888: Double protestation by Gerschom Carmichael, John Loudon and Alexander Dunlop, Regents, against the College of Glasgow concerning its administration and appointment of further Regents, early 18 cent.

GUA2012: Minute of Faculty appointing G Carmichael, regent, to protest against the Magistrate Baillie Robert Alexander who fined William Clark and James McAuley, students in the Greek class “for certain crimes”, 1721
Special Collections

Manuscripts

Breviuscula intro ad logicam. 1708: MS Gen 255

Dictata on Logic and Ethics, taken at Glasgow University by James Campbell: MS Murray 224
Possibly the lectures of Gerschom Carmichael: 1695-1696

Lectures on metaphysics: MS Gen 222
Notes by James Stewart: 1704

Logica sive Ars Intelligendi: MS Gen 56
Lecture notes dictated by Gershom Carmichael and written by John Napier, whose signature appears several times on flyleaves: 1696

Theses ethicae: cursus dictatus ab autore: MS Gen 168
Taken down by John Miller: between 1702 and 1703

Tractatus Logicus: MS Murray 67
Dictata taken by Thomas Barrie: 1708

Letter from Gershom Carmichael to John Stirling. Glasgow, April 13 1716: MS Gen 205

Printed books

Breviuscula introductio ad logicam ...

Samuel Pufendorf: De officio hominis et civis, juxta legem naturalem, libri duo. : Supplementis & observationibus in academicæ Juventutis usum auxit & illustravit Gerschomus Carmichael
Glasgow: 1718: Sp Coll Mu38-g.4
Second edition (Edinburgh: 1724): Sp Coll Mu13-h.18, Mu14-i.20, Mu14-i.21, Mu40-g.12, Mu40-g.13 & T.C.L. 3012

Synopsis theologiae naturalis ...
Edinburgh: 1729: Sp Coll Veitch Eg5-f.16 & Sp Coll 1990
Theses philosophicae, quas ... ad lauream eruditorum examini subjicient; sub praesidio Gerschomi Carmichael ...
Glasgow: 1699: Sp Coll Mu3-c.3 & Mu21-a.23

Theses philosophicae ... ad lauream magisteriale aspirantes, vigesimo septimo die Junij ...
publico eruditorum examini subjicient; sub praesidio Gerschomi Carmichael ...
Glasgow: 1707: Sp Coll Mu3-c.3, Mu21-a.24, & Mu21-a.25

William Cullen (1710-1790)

University of Glasgow

Graduate MD 1740
Lecturer on Chemistry in Glasgow University, 1747-1755
**Professor of Practice of Medicine, 1751-1755**

**Archive Services**

Archive Services holds documents relating to Cullen’s academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters; accounts; and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library. Documents include the following:

- GUA21320: Register of diplomas containing: William Cullen, MA Glasgow, MD Glasgow, 4 Sep 1740
- GUA5409: Account of expenses for £84 7s 10d incurred by Dr Cullen in giving 2 courses in chemistry in 1747-1748 and estimate of expenses of apparatus for teaching chemistry of £52, 1748
- GUA5410: Account of Dr Cullen to Robert Donaldson and his heirs for £3 15s 0¼d, 1749
- GUA30297: Letter to George Bogle of Daldowie, Rector of Glasgow University, from Dr Johnstoune concerning his demission of office in favour of Dr Cullen, 30 Feb 1749
- GUA45264: Demission and resignation by Dr William Cullen, Professor of Medicine, 1750
- GUA31115: Letter from William Cullen to Robert Simpson requesting that the £20 for teaching chemistry be continued for some years longer, 5 Apr 1751
- GUA34587: Letter from Matthew Morthland to Professor Robert Simson concerning a sum of money to be given to Dr Cullen in Edinburgh, 4 Feb 1752
- GUA26223: Letter from Dr W Cullen to Robert Simson referring to College of Glasgow business with the Exchequer in Edinburgh. Cullen attended a meeting of the Philosophical Society where Thom Melville read a paper on light and colours and Russel and Clerk brought in the model of a new machine for measuring rainfall. The physicians have obtained from the Duke of Argyle the composition of James' fever powders. Mentions Duke of Montrose tack, the Marquis of Annandale and D Roxburgh, the Poor Rate in the Barony parish and Mathew Stuart, Lord Kairns, Baron Maule and of a Glasgow professorship concerning the Duke of Argyle, John Dougal (in the Heritots' Office) and Mr Matthew, 8 Feb 1752
- GUA442: Account of fees of Quietus to the College of Glasgow to Dr William Cullen in the name of the University of Glasgow, with receipt for £7 4s 11d, 10 Mar 1752
- GUA26255: Letter from William Wilson to Robert Simson. Mentions Mr Miller, Dr Cullen, Mr McDougall, Duke of Roxborough, the late King George I, Queen Ann, Marquis of Annandale, the present King George II, the Barons and the Archbishoprick, 26 Dec 1752
- GUA34600: Letter from Matthew Morthland to Professor Robert Simson urging the Faculty to use further legal steps to obtain the money owed from Sir Hugh Hamilton and enclosing a financial statement and a note for Dr Cullen, 21 Nov 1754
- GUA34602: Letter from Matthew Morthland to Dr Cullen concerning Sir Hugh Hamilton's reluctance to pay the College of Glasgow its dues and setting out the obligations incumbent on Sir Hugh with a warning of further action if payment is not made, 18 Dec 1754
- GUA18569: Account of Glasgow College library charges of Dr Cullen and Mr Prouet, Quaestors, 1758
- GUA5412: Memorial by Robert Hamilton, Professor of Anatomy and Botany, and Dr William Cullen, Professor of Medicine, to the University concerning the planting of more trees and shrubs in the College garden in place of the decayed fruit trees, n.d.
- GUA8685: Receipted account for books, Dr Cullen, n.d. [1769-1772]
GUA27361: Proposed peroration for Mr Cullen's information for *The College of Glasgow v. Professor John Anderson*, 1787

References can be found in the **Senate and Faculty minutes** to Cullen’s allowances, appointment and resignation as Professor of Medicine.

**Special Collections**

**Cullen Papers**

MS Cullen

Consist of c.1500 manuscript items. Include drafts of lectures, medical notes, and letters to and from Cullen. Papers used by John Thomson (1765-1846) in preparing “An account of the life, lectures and writings, of William Cullen” (Edinburgh: 1832).

NB there is also much related material in the Thomson Papers collection.

There are too many documents to list here, but please see overall collection description (with link to itemised list) at: [http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/collection/cullen.html](http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/collection/cullen.html)

See also the “Selection from the Cullen Papers” virtual exhibition: [http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/exhibns/cullen/index.html](http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/exhibns/cullen/index.html)

**Other manuscripts**

Notes of lectures by William Cullen in miscellaneous volumes, c.1766: MS Gen 684-694

Cullen's Neuroses: MS Gen 149

Ms notes of material later incorporated in his Practice of Physic

2 letters from William Hunter to Cullen, 14 November 1751 & 17 May 1757: MS Gen 501/1-2

Letter from Cullen to his grandson, 16 Jan. 1789: MS Gen 505/11

Letter from Cullen to Gilbert Blane, 4 July 1772: MS Gen 505/33

5 letters to Cullen, between 1773 and 1793: MS Gen 510/1-5

Commission in favour of Dr William Cullen appointing him Professor of Medicine and Chymie in the University of Edinburgh, 8th July 1756: MS Gen 531/18

Presentation of W. Cullen to Chair of Medicine, 27th December, 1750: MS Gen 531/5

Diploma of M.D of W. Cullen, 4 Sept. 1740: MS Gen 800

**Printed books**

The Edinburgh practice of physic, surgery, and midwifery preceded by an abstract of the theory of medicine, and the nosology of Dr. Cullen …

New edition. London: 1803. 5 v: LRA G9-g.7-11

Joseph Black: Experiments upon magnesia alba, quick-lime, and other alcaline substances. To which is annexed, an essay on the cold produced by evaporating fluids … by William Cullen, M.D.

Edinburgh: 1782: Sp Coll Ferguson Ap-x.11 & Ar-f.48

First lines of the practice of physic

Edinburgh/London: 1777-1779. 2 v: Sp Coll Hunterian Ck.2.11-12 (with inscription: ‘To Doctor William Hunter from The Author.’) & 84.d.44-45
Fourth edition, corrected and enlarged. Edinburgh/London: 1784-1788. 4 v.: Sp Coll 83.f.30-33 & Bo8-m.19-21 (lacks vol.1)
Including the definitions of the Nosology with supplementary notes, chiefly selected from recent authors ...by Peter Reid, M.D. Edinburgh: 1810: Sp Coll NF.6.20-21
New edition with an appendix ... continued and completed by J.C. Gregory. Edinburgh: 1829. 2v.: LRA G9-g.15-16
Latin translation by A.B. Beerenbroek. Leiden: 1779: Sp Coll Hunterian Ck.2.10

Institutions of medicine. Part 1, Physiology.

Lectures on the materia medica
London: 1772: Sp Coll Hunterian Add. q24

A letter from a citizen of Edinburgh, to Doctor Puff; [with reference to the election of a Professor of Medicine]
Edinburgh: 1764: Sp Coll Mu51-f.20

A letter to Lord Cathcart, president of the Board of Police in Scotland, concerning the recovery of persons drowned and seemingly dead

Letters asking support in their applications for the situation of medical officer by William Cullen and David Clark
[Edinburgh]: [1825]: Sp Coll Mu29-d.32

Of the cold produced by evaporating fluids, and of some other means of producing cold
[Edinburgh]: [1756]: Sp Coll Mu55-g.37

Synopsis nosologiae methodicae.
Edinburgh: 1769: Sp Coll Bo8-m.11
Third edition. Edinburgh: 1780: Sp Coll Hunterian Ad.3.9-10
Fourth edition. Edinburgh: 1785: 2 v.: Sp Coll Bo10-f.7-8 & Bo8-m.9-10
Seventh edition. Edinburgh: 1802: LRA G10-h.28
Latin text with English translation by T. Plummer. Edinburgh: 1818: Sp Coll Hunterian Ad.4.23

A treatise of the Materia Medica
Edinburgh: 1789. 2 v.: Sp Coll RB 1975-1976

The works of William Cullen …
Edinburgh: 1827. 2 v.: Sp Coll RQ 2027-2028

Adam Ferguson (1723-1816)

Special Collections

Manuscripts

Letter from Adam Ferguson to William Cullen, London, April 17th 1759: MS Cullen 24
Letter from Adam Ferguson to Adam Smith, 5 Nov. 1761: MS Gen 1035/142
Letter from Adam Ferguson to Adam Smith, 12 April 1777: MS Gen 1035/154

Printed books

Analysis of pneumatics and moral philosophy. For the use of students in the College of Edinburgh
Edinburgh: 1766: Sp Coll BC24-e.13

An essay on the history of civil society
Edinburgh: 1767: Sp Coll Bm7-f.14

The history of the proceedings in the case of Margaret, commonly called Peg, only lawful sister to
John Bull, Esq (a political satire)
Second edition. [London]: [1761]: Sp Coll Mu56-h.31, Bf71-h.18 & RB 4243

The history of the progress and termination of the Roman Republic
London: 1783. 3 v: Sp Coll RF 734-736 & Bm1-e.2-4
Edinburgh/London: 1805. 5 v.: Sp Coll Eadie 659-663
Complete in one volume. London: 1825: Sp Coll NO.3.6
Complete in one volume. London, 1830: Sp Coll NR.8.15
London: 1826: Stack Case Classics RH160 FER
New edition ... revised and corrected. Edinburgh,1828. 3 v.: Sp Coll NO.1.12-14

Institutes of moral philosophy

Memorial for George-James Duke of Hamilton ... Lord Douglas Hamilton, and their tutors, and Sir
Hew Dalrymple ...
[S.l.]: [1767]: Sp Coll q209

Principles of moral and political science; being chiefly a retrospect of lectures delivered in the
College of Edinburgh
Edinburgh/London: 1792. 2 v: Sp Coll RQ 859-860, Sp Coll q177-178 & BC27-x.15

Alexander Gerard (1728-1795)

Special Collections

Printed books

A compendious view of the evidences of natural and revealed religion: being the substance of
lectures read in the University and King's College of Aberdeen [by Alexander and Gilbert Gerard]
London: 1828: Level 10 Theology AC21 GER

The corruptions of Christianity considered as affecting its truth: a sermon …
Edinburgh: 1792: LRA Bf76-k.22

Dissertations on subjects relating to the genius and the evidences of christianity
Edinburgh: 1776: Sp Coll 1358
An essay on genius
London: 1774: Sp Coll BC31-e.24 & RB 3796

An essay on taste
Third edition. Edinburgh, 1780: Sp Coll BG46-e.10

The pastoral care
London/Aberdeen: 1799: Sp Coll RB 3641 & RB 3640

Plan of education in the Marischal College and University of Aberdeen, with the reasons of it; drawn up by order of the Faculty [Drawn up by Alexander Gerard]
Aberdeen: 1755: Sp Coll Mu32-h.9

Sermons
London, 1780. 2 v.: Sp Coll Bi3-f.15-16

Henry Home, Lord Kames (1696-1782)

Special Collections

Manuscripts

Enquiry into the laws that govern the conduct of individuals in society: MS Gen 1035/236

3 letters, from Josiah Tucker, to Henry Home, Lord Kames, 1758-1764 [Abercairney letters]: MS Gen 1509/1-3

Letter from William Cullen to Henry Home, Glasgow, 17 Jan. 1750, concerning experiments involving agriculture: MS Cullen 67

4 letters from William Cullen to Lord Kames regarding agriculture. 1750s: MS Cullen 430/1-2

Letter from Henry Home, Lord Kames, 30 May 1757, to William Cullen: MS Cullen 26

Printed books

The decisions of the Court of Session, from its first institution to the present time. Abridged, and digested under proper heads, in form of a dictionary ...
Edinburgh, 1741-1778. 3 v.: Sp Coll Bi10-d.12-14

Elements of criticism
Sixth edition. Edinburgh: 1785. 2 v.: Sp Coll BC31-e.3-4 & RB 5003-5004
Seventh edition. Edinburgh, 1788: Sp Coll BG46-l.16-17
Eighth edition, with the author's last corrections and additions. London/Edinburgh: 1805. 2 v. in 1: Sp Coll T.C.L. 1676
Abridged for the use of schools ... by A. Jamieson. London: 1823: LRA E7-b.4

Elucidations respecting the common and statute law of Scotland
Edinburgh: 1777: Sp Coll 744
Essays on the principles of morality and natural religion
Edinburgh: 1751: Sp Coll Ea6-d.19
Corrected and improved, in a third edition. Several essays added concerning the proof of a Deity.
Edinburgh: 1779: Sp Coll Bo9-i.7, BC25-g.17 & LRA E12-r.12

Essays upon several subjects concerning British antiquities
Edinburgh 1747: Sp Coll BC16-h.2, Mu4-g.38, Bl8-h.15 & Bl73-b.7
Third edition; with additions and alterations. Edinburgh: 1763: Sp Coll Mu14-h.15 & Bo2-m.14

The gentleman farmer. Being an attempt to improve agriculture, by subjecting it to the test of rational principles
Edinburgh: 1776: Sp Coll Bm1-g.3
Sixth edition. Edinburgh: 1815: Sp Coll d.2.16

Historical law-tracts.

Introduction to the art of thinking

Loose hints upon education, chiefly concerning the culture of the heart
Edinburgh: 1781: Sp Coll Bm10-h.9

Principles of equity
Corrected and enlarged in a second edition. Edinburgh: 1767: Sp Coll Mu16-x.10
Third edition. Edinburgh: 1778. 2 v.: Sp Coll g.3.46-47

Remarkable decisions of the Court of Session, from 1716 to 1728
Edinburgh: 1728: LRA F12-x.11

Remarkable decisions of the Court of Session, from the year 1730 to the year 1752
Edinburgh: 1766: Sp Coll Mu28-g.12 & LRA F12-x.12

Select decisions of the Court of Session, from the year 1752 to the year 1768
Edinburgh: 1780: Sp Coll RF 159 & Mu28-g.16

Sketches of the history of man
Edinburgh: 1774. 2 v.: Sp Coll BC27-x.11-12 & Bm4-f.9-10
Dublin: 1775. 4 v.: Sp Coll Bf72-k.12-16
Third edition. Dublin: 1779. 2 v.: Sp Coll NP.2.7-8
Glasgow: 1802. 4 v.: Sp Coll Mu41-f.19-22
New edition. To which is now added, a general index. Glasgow: 1819. 3 v.: Sp Coll NL.4.17-19

Statute law of Scotland abridged: with historical notes
Edinburgh: 1757: Sp Coll RB 1500 & Bl1-f.17
David Hume (1711-1776)

Special Collections

Manuscripts

4 letters from Adam Smith to David Hume (1765-1766): MS Gen 1035/129-132

Draft of letter from William Cullen to William Hunter on the death of David Hume: MS Cullen 161

Printed books

David Hume über die menschliche Natur aus dem Englischen nebst kritischen Versuchen zur Beurtheilung dieses Werks, von Ludwig Heinrich Jacobi ...
Halle: 1790-1791. 2 v: Sp Coll BC25-e.17-18

Dialogues concerning natural religion
[London]: 1779: Sp Coll Hunterian Bo.3.27
Third edition. London: 1804: Sp Coll Bo4-i.16

George Campbell: A dissertation on miracles: containing an examination of the principles advanced by David Hume, Esq; in an essay on miracles: with a correspondence on the subject by Mr Hume, Dr Campbell, and Dr Blair, now first published …

Dissertation on the numbers of mankind
French translation. Amsterdam: 1769: Sp Coll Ferguson Add. 90

An enquiry concerning the principles of morals
London: 1751: Sp Coll Bl2-k.29

An essay on miracles
London: 1844: LRA D6-k.15

An essay on the immortality of the soul; shewing the fallacy and malignity of a sceptical one, lately published, together with such another on suicide; and both ascribed, by the editor, to the late David Hume, Esq.
London: 1784: Sp Coll Bm9-h.2

Essays and treatises on several subjects
New edition. London, 1768. 2 v.: Sp Coll Hunterian Eg.1.9-10 & Bl13-a.7-8
New edition. Edinburgh, 1809. 2 v: Sp Coll Bo2-f.9-10
To which are added, dialogues concerning natural religion. London: 1788. 2 v: Sp Coll BC17-b.5-6

Essays, moral and political.
Edinburgh: 1741: Sp Coll Bl9-l.7
Essays, moral, political, and literary
[S.I.]: 1742-52: Sp Coll RB 3843

Four dissertations
London: 1757: Sp Coll Bm2-k.27 & Sp Coll 1058

History of England
London: 1759-1762. 3 v.: Sp Coll Bn9-g.2-4
New edition, with the author's last corrections and improvements. To which is prefixed, a short account of his life, written by himself. London: 1778: 8 v.: Sp Coll Bh2-f.1-8
Abridged ... by George Buist. Edinburgh: 1793: Sp Coll RB 4571
Abridged ... by Rev. Charles Hereford London: 1795. 2 v.: Sp Coll RQ 1799-1800
London: 1828: Sp Coll Bo2-e.7
French translation. London: 1760. 3 v.: Sp Coll q302-304

The history of Great Britain [1603-1689] ... 
Edinburgh: 1754-1757. 2 v.: Sp Coll Bh1-e.5-6

The life of David Hume [autobiography]
London: 1777: Sp Coll Bk9-l.10
London: 1826: LRA U1-g.11
Supplement to the life of David Hume, Esq., containing genuine anecdotes and a circumstantial account of his funeral. To which is added, a certified copy of his last will and testament. London: 1777: Sp Coll Bh10-k.23

Christof Hermann von Manstein: Memoirs of Russia, historical, political, and military ... [translated by Hume]
London: 1770: Sp Coll BC9-a.18

The philosophical works of David Hume: including all the essays, and exhibiting the more important alterations and corrections in the successive editions published by the author
Edinburgh: 1826. 4 v: LRA E5-h.14-17

Political discourses
Edinburgh: 1752: Sp Coll Mu42-f.8 & Bm1-i.17

A treatise of human nature: being an attempt to introduce the experimental method of reasoning into moral subjects ...
London: 1739. 3 v: Sp Coll 267-269 & BC29-e.27-28

A true account of the behaviour and conduct of Archibald Stewart, Esq; late Lord Provost of Edinburgh [when the City was taken by the Rebels in 1745]. In a letter to a Friend.
London: 1748: Sp Coll Hunterian El.3.6
**Correspondence**

Private correspondence of David Hume with several distinguished persons between the years 1761 and 1776, now first published from the originals
London: 1820: LRA U21-y.6

Letters of David Hume, and extracts from letters referring to him edited by Thomas Murray
Edinburgh: 1841: Level 8 Main Lib History DW1510.M23 MACIN

Life and correspondence of David Hume: from the papers bequeathed by his nephew to the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and other original sources by John Hill Burton
Edinburgh: 1846. 2 v.: Level 10 Main Lib Philosophy CC165 BUR

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**Francis Hutcheson (1694-1746)**

**University of Glasgow**

**Student, 1710-1716**

**Graduate, MA 1712**

**Professor of Moral Philosophy, 1730-1746**

**Archive Services**

Archive Services holds documents relating to his registration as a student and his academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters, salary payments and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library. Documents include the following:

GUA27107: Letter from [Charles Morthland] to John Stirling … mentions news of the impeachment of Lord Ormond which was contested by Mr Hutcheson, former student at the College, who made allegations concerning the Government's seeming desire to impeach for high treason, defined as corresponding with the enemy before cessation at arms, 23 Jun 1715

GUA11446: Stent for £7 sterling from John Loudoun to Francis Hutcheson, Dec 1731-Jan 1732

GUA11447: Stent for £6 4s 6d sterling from Robert Dick to Francis Hutchison, 1732

GUA11445: Stent for £4 14s sterling from Al Dunlop to Francis Hutchison, Quaestor, 29 Dec 1732

GUA11444: Stent for £5 15s sterling from John Loudoun to Francis Hutchison, Quaestor, Dec 1732- Jan 1733

GUA43117: Catalogue of books bought by Francis Hutcheson for the use of the public library of the College of Glasgow, 1733-1734

GUA11437: Stents for 1733-74 for the Library amounting to £4 9s sterling from Mr Loudon to Francis Hutchison, Quaestor, 15 Jan 1734

GUA11443: Stent for £5 16s 5d from Al Dunlop to Francis Hutchison, Quaestor, 15 Jan 1734

GUA11436: Notes from Francis Hutcheson to Dr Brisbane, Quaestor relating to stents for Library, £7 10s, Dec 1734 and £9 15s, Dec 1735, 1734-1735

GUA8930: Advice note of stents from Francis Hutcheson, 3 Jan 1735

GUA8839: Advice note of stents from Francis Hutcheson, 7 Apr 1739
GUA8840: Advice note of stents from Francis Hutcheson, 2 Feb 1740

GUA492: Letter from Principal Neil Campbell to Robert Simson concerning College business, Mr Scrope, Countess of Eglinton, Mr Hamilton and Mr Hutcheson, 5 Jul 1745

GUA26124: Letter from John Sym to Robert Simpson mentioning Mrs Dunlop, Mrs Hutcheson, Mrs Millar, Mr Dunlop, Laird of Lambill, and Mr Forbes, 31 Oct 1745

GUA8935: Advice note of stents from Francis Hutcheson, 21 Dec 1745

References can be found in the Senate and Faculty minutes to Hutcheson’s appointment to the chair of Moral Philosophy and post of Clerk of University meetings; his death; and proposal to buy his portrait.

Special Collections

Manuscripts

A system of moral philosophy: MS Gen 110
Untitled notes of lectures on moral philosophy by Francis Hutcheson. Pp. 1-376 are Hutcheson's autograph; the remainder is in the hand of an amanuensis. Ordered and divided into various chapters. Published posthumously as A system of moral philosophy. At the front of the volume there is an autograph note from William Leechman to Robert Foulis regarding printing, 3 July 1753.

Logica & Metaphysica. 1744-1749: MS Gen 872
Bound with printed book: Synopsis metaphysicae (1744). Signature on flyleaf of volume: Jno McNeal, 1746; undated signature also on title-page of printed work.

21 letters from Francis Hutcheson to the Revd. Thomas Drennan, Belfast. [1736]-[46]: MS Gen 1018/1-21

Printed books

Consideration on patronages; addressed to the gentlemen of Scotland
London: 1735: Sp Coll S.M. 3043
[S.l.]: [1735]: Sp Coll T.C.L. 3763

Likewise, a state of the secession in Scotland in the year 1773. Glasgow: 1774: Sp Coll Mu42-b.21, Mu43-d.26 & T.C.L. 3763
With a calculation founded on the above State. Shewing the expence of Secession, to the Kingdom of Scotland. Glasgow:1774: T.C.L. 4035, T.C.L. 3735 & Bo10-f.23

De naturali hominum socialitate
Glasgow (Foulis): 1756: Sp Coll Hunterian Ee.3.32, BD12-f.29 & BD12-e.42

An essay on the nature and conduct of the passions and affections
London: 1728: Sp Coll 984
Dublin: 1728: Sp Coll Mu36-g.24
Third edition. Glasgow: 1769: Sp Coll BD12-g.30

An inquiry into the original of our ideas of beauty and virtue.
London: 1725: Sp Coll 986
Third edition, corrected. London: 1729: Sp Coll Mu41-e.6 & d.9.5
Printed from the fourth edition, 1738, with the author's corrections and additions interspersed in their proper places. Glasgow (Foulis): 1772: Sp Coll Mu39-i.12 & BD12-h.8
French translation [traduit sur la quatrième édition angloise]. Amsterdam: 1749. 2 v.: Sp Coll RB 2037-2038.

Burnet, Gilbert: Letters concerning the true foundation of virtue or moral goodness, wrote in a correspondence between Mr. Gilbert Burnet and Mr. Francis Hutcheson; [and Postscript: Thoughts on laughter; Observations on the Fable of the bees]
Glasgow: Foulis, 1772: Sp Coll Mu39-h.7 & BD12-f.4

Logicae compendium; præfixa est dissertatio De philosophiae origine, ejusque inventoribus aut excultoribus praecipuis
Glasgow (Foulis): 1759: Sp Coll BD12-e.42
Glasgow (Foulis): 1764: Sp Coll Mu38-i.1, Hunterian Ee.3.33 & BD12-e.1
Glasgow (Foulis): 1772: Sp Coll 152
Glasgow (Foulis): 1778: Sp Coll BD12-h.55
Glasgow: 1787: Sp Coll BC30-h.20

The meditations of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus newly translated from the Greek [by Hutcheson] with notes and an account of his life.
Glasgow (Foulis): 1742: Sp Coll Mu51-i.21, Mu51-i.22 & BD12-e.18

Metaphysicae synopsis
Glasgow (Foulis): 1742: Sp Coll BD12-e.14
Editio altera auctior. [Glasgow]: 1744: Sp Coll Mu36-g.3 & BD12-e.7
Editio tertia, auctior et emendatior. Glasgow (Foulis): 1749: Sp Coll Mu41-i.26, Mu43-g.26, RB 2846, BC23-d.27 & Bo10-l.29
Fourth edition. Glasgow: 1756: Sp Coll Robertson Bf62-m.21 & BD12-f.1
Fifth edition. Glasgow: 1762: Sp Coll Hunterian Ee.3.32
Seventh edition. Glasgow (Foulis): 1780: Sp Coll BD12-d.47 & NP.8.11

Philosophiae moralis institutio compendaria
Glasgow (Foulis): 1742: Sp Coll Mu41-c.25 & BD12-e.13
Editio altera auctior et emendatior. Glasgow (Foulis): 1745: Sp Coll BD12-f.2, Mu41-c.24 & BC24-b.29
Third edition. Glasgow (Foulis): 1755: Sp Coll BD12-f.3 & RB 3850
Fifth edition. Glasgow (Foulis): 1762: Sp Coll Mu38-h.29 & Mu44-i.21
English translation. Glasgow (Foulis): 1747: Sp Coll Mu39-h.22 & Bo5-l.27
English translation. Third edition. Glasgow (Foulis): 1764: Sp Coll Hunterian Ee.3.28-29

Reflections upon laughter, and remarks upon the fable of the bees
Glasgow: 1750: Sp Coll BD12-e.14
Carefully corrected. Glasgow: 1750: Sp Coll Mu39-g.15, BC24-e.13 & Mu39-g.36
Thoughts on laughter, and Observations on the Fable of the bees. In six letters
Glasgow: 1758: Sp Coll RB 2945

A system of moral philosophy ... To which is prefixed, Some account of the life, and writings, and character of the author, by the Reverend William Leechman
Glasgow (Foulis): 1755. 2 v.: Sp Coll q81-82, Sp Coll BD12-b.12-13 (large paper edition; with autograph of Thomas Reid), Hunterian Df.2.21-22 & Ea7-a.11-12
London: 1755. 2 v.: Sp Coll BC28-x.3-4.
A vindication of Mr. Hutcheson from the calumnious aspersions of a late pamphlet / by several of his scholars.
[Glasgow?]: 1738: Sp Coll Mu39-f.43

James Hutton (1726–1797)

Special Collections

Manuscript

Part of a letter from James Hutton to Adam Smith, undated: MS Gen 1035/151

Printed Books

Considerations on the nature, quality, and distinctions, of coal and culm, with inquiries, philosophical and political, into the present state of the laws, and the questions now in agitation relative to the taxes upon these commodities. Contained in a letter, from Doctor James Hutton, physician in Edinburgh: to a friend
Edinburgh: 1777: Sp Coll h.8.30

Leiden: 1749: Sp Coll 82.b.28 & Hunterian El.1.9

An investigation of the principles of knowledge, and of the progress of reason, from sense ot science and philosophy ...
Edinburgh: 1794. 3 v.: Sp Coll RQ 536-538

Theory of the earth: with proofs and illustrations
Edinburgh: 1795. 2 v.: Sp Coll RB 2802

Colin Maclaurin (1698 –1746)

University of Glasgow

Student, 1709-1714
Graduate MA, 1713

Archive Services

Archive Services holds documents relating to his registration and graduation.

Special Collections

Manuscripts

Notebook, containing copies of letters from Colin MacLaurin, chiefly to James Spreull of Glasgow (1716-1739): MS Gen 1378/1
Notebook, entitled 'The second paper of memoirs of Mr Maclaurin, beginning at 1725' and continuing to 1746: MS Gen 1378/2
These are notes for a publication and contain material not used by Patrick Murdoch in his account of MacLaurin's life in Maclaurin's Account of Sir Isaac Newton's philosophical discoveries.

Letter from Robert Simson to Colin Maclaurin, dated Glasgow, 7 May 1729: MS Gen 1378/3
About subscriptions for Newton's Optics, including one from Dr Johnston for Glasgow University Library; asks about progress of his 'piece of the collision of bodies' and of his Algebra.

Letter from Robert Simson to Colin Maclaurin, Glasgow, 27 July 1736: MS Gen 1378/4
On mathematical writings, with mention of Maclaurin's notes in a book belonging to Simson dated 1720 [possibly Maclaurin's Geometria organica, Ea7-c.9? - which has notes in pencil].

Two geometrical diagrams: MS Gen 1378/5
Undated but presumed to be contemporary with the rest of the material in MS Gen 1378.

Draft letter from Matthew Stewart, 20th May 1744: MS Gen 146/24
Probably intended for Colin Maclaurin. Includes diagram.

Printed Books

An account of Sir Isaac Newton's philosophical discoveries ... Published from the author's manuscript papers, by Patrick Murdoch.
London: 1748: Sp Coll Hunterian R.4.8, Ea6-a.2 (Simson's copy), Bk10-e.6, Eaton 44, Eaton 45 & Veitch Eg6-b.6
Third edition. London: 1775: Sp Coll Eaton 12 & Bo10-e.6

A defence of the letter published in ... April 1729. Concerning the impossible roots of equations ...
Edinburgh: 1730: Sp Coll Ea7-b.20 (Simson's copy)

Geometria organica: sive descriptio lineum curvarum universalis
London: 1720: Sp Coll Ea7-c.9 & Ea8-c.7 (Simson's copies), Hunterian R.5.10, Bn5-i.18, Eaton 14 & Sp Coll 2873

Pièce [Demonstration des loix du choc des corps] qui a remporté le [Roûille-de-Meslay] Prix de l'Académie Royale des Sciences, proposé pour l'année mil sept cens vingt-quatre...

A treatise of algebra
London: 1748: Sp Coll Ea6-d.5 (Simson's copy), Eaton 15 & Bt9-h.5

A treatise of fluxions
Edinburgh: 1742. 2 v.: Sp Coll Ea7-c.10-11 (Simson's copy), Bm9-g.12-13, Eaton 23-24 & RQ 1427-1428
David Gregory: A treatise of practical geometry. In three parts ... translated from the Latin (with additions by McLaurin)
Edinburgh: 1745: Sp Coll Eaton 5, Bi1-g.2 & Ea8-d.8 (Simson’s copy)
Edinburgh: 1751: Sp Coll Bo5-g.29
Edinburgh: 1761: Sp Coll 141
Seventh edition. Edinburgh: 1769: Sp Coll Bh10-g.16
Eleventh edition. Edinburgh: 1796: Sp Coll Bo5-g.4

The works of the late John Maclaurin ...
Edinburgh: 1798: Sp Coll Eaton 30

John Millar (1735-1801)

University of Glasgow
Student, 1746-
Regius Professor of Law, 1761-1801

Archive Services
Archive Services holds documents relating to his registration as a student and his academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters; University disputes, and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library. Documents include the following:

ACCN 3182 and 3284: Lecture notes taken in John Millar’s class by John Smyly – Government 1784-1786 and Institutes of Justinian, 1785-86

GUA31999: Letter from the Earl of Bute to Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, in reply to the University's recommendation of John Millar to the Chair of Law, 10 Jun 1761
GUA32001: Letter from the Earl of Bute to Principal Leechman, College of Glasgow, informing him that the King has agreed to appoint John Millar to the Chair of Civil Law, 16 Jun 1761
GUA30225: Letter from Simeon Desnitzky and Ivan Tretjakoff, two Russian students, to the Dean and other members of the Faculty, offering themselves as candidates for a degree in Law on the basis that they have attended Dr Smith’s classes in Ethics and Jurisprudence and Mr Millar’s classes in Civil Law, 31 Dec 1765
GUA5647: Answers of Dr Leechman, Dr Traill, James Clow, Dr Williamson, Dr Wight, John Millar, Dr Reid, Patrick Cumin, Dr Stevenson and Professors in Glasgow College to the Summons & Lybell of John Anderson, professor in Glasgow College. Leechman v. Anderson, 1775
GUA38592: General state of Mr Millar’s Quaestor accounts from 10 Jun 1773 to 10 Jun 1775
GUA8608: Bill of lading for one paper parcel on board The Glasgow addressed to John Miller, 7 Dec 1776
GUA8607: Bill of exchange drawn by John Murray to John Millar, Professor of Law, Glasgow, for £12 3s 6d sterling to the order of William Kerr in settlement of library account, 17 Dec 1776
GUA8600: Receipt by Alexander Wilson in favour of John Millar for the credit balance of the library funds, 6 Jan 1777
GUA8589: Account by John Millar of his intromissions as Quaestor with the Ordinary Fund, n.d. [Jan 1777]

GUA8590: Account by John Millar of his intromissions as Quaestor with Barrowfield's Fund, including book list, n.d. [Jan 1777]

GUA8591: Account by John Millar of his intromissions as Quaestor with Principal Stirling’s Fund, n.d. [Jan 1777]

GUA8609: Letter from William Kerr to John Miller asking for payment of two bills of exchange drawn by John Murray on the College signet, 23 Dec 1776

GUA34631: Manuscript schedule of protest of Professor John Anderson against Professor Millar and the members of the College of Glasgow Committee who acted as a court in the case of Macleod against Anderson, 19 May 1783

GUA34632: Manuscript of Professor John Millar’s comments on Professor John Anderson’s protest and the conduct of the case, c.May 1783

GUA11517: Letter subscribed by G Fordyce, D Pitcairn and Charles Combe, executors of Dr Hunter’s English will to Principal Leechman, Professor James Clow and Professor John Millar, concerning the progress of the catalogue of pictures, printed books, anatomical preparations, manuscripts, natural history and the remaining part of the medals, 8 Jul 1783

GUA11529: Discharged account of Mathew Baillie and John Millar, trustees of Dr William Hunter to Lawrence Hill, WS, [Oct] 1785

GUA11534: Letter from Lawrence Hill to John Millar, stating that Dr Hunter’s papers are now ready to be laid before Counsel, 25 Mar 1786

GUA11454: Covering note for factory to Mr Hill and bond of caution as devised and corrected by Mr Millar and Mr Jardine, plus scroll of additional clause, 18 Jan 1791

GUA58307: Accounts and vouchers including: discharge to John Miller for gold medal and account for silver medals and box; 1790

GUA11553: Copy letter from J Millar to Dr Baillie in reply to his letter of 26 October 1799 indicating the views of the Faculty in connection with the building of Dr Hunter’s Museum and the delivery of the collections to Glasgow, 30 Dec 1800

GUA18151: Copy report of Act of Commission Scheme of Valuation of the land belonging to John Miller of Milheugh in the parishes of Cambuslang and Kilbride, 1802

References can be found in the Senate and Faculty minutes to Millar’s appointment to the Regius Chair of Law and posts of Vice-Rector and Clerk to University Committees; areas to be covered by lectures; death

Special Collections

Manuscripts

Lectures on government, delivered in the University of Glasgow: MS Gen 179
Written from notes taken by Alexander Campbell, 1783

Lectures on the law of Scotland: MS Gen 181/1-3

Lectures on government, delivered in the University of Glasgow: MS Gen 180
Taken down by William Rae: 1789

Lectures on the law of Scotland, etc, between 1783 and 1789: MS Gen 178-181
Lectures on Scots Law: 1792: MS Gen 1078
These are fair copies of Prof Millar's lecture notes, transcribed by his son James.

Lectures on laws: MS Gen 1255
More precisely conveyancing, volume 2. Contains lectures 30-62 only. A note loosely inserted by W.C. Lehmann says that the lectures do not read at all like those of Millar's. On the other hand, they are not the same lectures as those given by Baron Hume, who is Lehmann's suggestion as the lecturer.

Lectures on the Publick Law of Great Britain, undated: MS Gen 203

Notes from Professor John Millar's lectures upon the law of England, Glasgow College, session 1800-1801: MS Gen 243
48 lectures. Unsigned manuscript.

Lectures on Government given in the University of Glasgow, between 1787 and 1788: MS Gen 289-291
A fair copy in the hand of his son, James Millar

Notes taken by John Robinson from a course of lectures on the private law of Scotland given annually in Glasgow by John Millar. 1776-77: MS Gen 347

Notes of lectures on Justinian's Institutes: MS Gen 812-814
Copy of Mr Millar's notes on the Institutes of Justinian according to Heinnecius. Glasgow, 1789. [Copied by Alexander Dunlop]. Each volume bears the inscription of Alexander Dunlop, Jun., dated 1815-16

Notes of lectures on the science of government, the English constitution, &c. 1798: MS Hamilton 116

Course of lectures upon jurisprudence, 1793: MS Hamilton 117
Student's notes

Lectures upon the Institutes of Justinian, according to Heinnicius: first and second courses: MS Murray 96-98
Taken by David Boyle in 3 volumes, of which vol. 2 is a copy of Boyle's notes taken by Alexander Boswell

Notes on the Institutes of Henecicius, taken by David Boyle: MS Murray 77
These are copies of Boyle's notes, done by Alexander Boswell. Begun, Dec. 9th, 1794

Notes on Roman Law and Jurisprudence, 1788-89: MS Murray 78-82
Notes taken by Robert Ferguson

Heads of lectures on the law of Scotland in the University of Glasgow, 1789-90: MS Murray 83-87
Notes taken by Robert Ferguson

Lectures on the Pandects. 1790: MS Murray 91-92
Taken by David Boyle; vols 2 and 4 only

Lectures on the Pandects: MS Murray 93-95
Possibly a copy of notes taken by David Boyle

Lectures on Government: MS Murray 88-90
Notes taken by David Boyle. 1790.
Notes from lectures on the institutes of Civil Law, given in the University of Glasgow. 1793: MS Murray 332
Vol. 2 of a student's notes

Letter from John Millar to Adam Smith, 2 Feb. 1764: MS Gen 1035/149
Letter from John Millar to David Douglas, 10 Aug. 1790: MS Gen 1035/178
Letter from John Millar to David Douglas, 30 Dec. 1790: MS Gen 1035/180
Letter from John Millar to S. Rose, Glasgow, 16 Feb. 1790: MS Gen 520/48

Printed books

A course of lectures on government; given annually in the University [of Glasgow. Prospectus].
Glasgow: 1783: Sp Coll Bh11-c.15

An historical view of the English government
London: 1787: Sp Coll RQ 630
London: 1790: Sp Coll Eadie f9
London: 1803: Sp Coll c.9.9-12
London: 1812. 4 v.: Sp Coll Mu16-e.23-26 & BG46-l.21-24

Observations concerning the distinction of ranks in society
London: 1771: Sp Coll Bi7-e.19, RQ 586 & RQ 1153
Dublin: 1771: Sp Coll BD11-d.15

The origin of the distinction of ranks; or, An inquiry into the circumstances which give rise to influence and authority, in the different members of society...

Unto the Right Honourable the Lords of Council and Session, the petition of the Principal and Professors of the University of Glasgow, December 4, 1790
[S.l.]: 1790: Sp Coll Mu Add. q16

John Playfair (1748-1819)

Special Collections

Printed Books

Biographical account of James Hutton, M.D. F.R.S. [Editor]
[Edinburgh]: [1797?]: Sp Coll Mu9-b.5

Catalogue of the library of the late John Playfair; comprising a valuable collection of mathematical, philosophical, and miscellaneous books, maps, etc. etc. with a few philosophical instruments; to be sold by auction ... the 20th of January, 1820 ...
Edinburgh: 1820: Sp Coll Mu34-i.4
Euclid: Elements of geometry: containing the first six books of Euclid, with a supplement on the quadrature of the circle and the geometry of solids; to which are added, elements of plane and spherical trigonometry by John Playfair
Edinburgh: 1795: Sp Coll 85.d.19
Fourth edition, enlarged. Edinburgh: 1814: LRA I16-y.4

Illustrations of the Huttonian theory of the earth
Edinburgh: 1802: Sp Coll DL.6.14

Letter to the author of the Examination of Professor Stewart's Short statement of facts, with an appendix
Edinburgh: 1806: Sp Coll Mu3-b.19 & Mu56-i.21

Outlines of natural philosophy, being heads of lectures delivered in the University of Edinburgh
Edinburgh: 1812. 2 v.: LRA I9-h.12

Prospectus of a course of lectures on some of the practical parts of the mathematics...
Edinburgh: 1793: Sp Coll Mu29-c.11

Allan Ramsay (1686-1758)

Special Collections

Printed Books

This list does not include anthologies with contributions by Ramsay – eg. Select collection of original Scottish airs etc.

An abbyac on the death of Allan Ramsay
Edinburgh: [1724?]: Sp Coll 2944 (imperfect copy)

The Caledonian miscellany. Consisting of select and much approv'd pastorals, choice fables and tales, with other occasional poems, by Allan Ramsay and other eminent northern bards
Newcastle upon Tyne: 1762: Sp Coll BD16-i.13

A collection of Scots proverbs
Enburgh/Glasgow: 1750: Sp Coll BD12-h.48

The ever green: being a collection of Scots poems, wrote by the ingenious before 1600 published by Allan Ramsay
Edinburgh: 1724: Sp Coll RB 3754 (imperfect: lacks vol. 2)
Edinburgh: 1761. 2 v: Sp Coll Bo3-l.30-31 & BD16-i.4-5
Glasgow: 1824: Sp Coll Mu50-i.2-3

The gentle shepherd, a pastoral comedy
Seventh edition with the sangs. Glasgow (Foulis): 1743: Sp Coll RB 978
Edinburgh: 1753: Sp Coll BG58-m.7
Aberdeen: 1754: Sp Coll Mu49-h.3
Glasgow: 1758: Sp Coll 1186
Edinburgh: 1769: Sp Coll RB 1000
Edinburgh: 1776: Sp Coll RB 999, Hepburn 172 (imperfect) & Robertson Bf70-g.13
Perth: 1781: Sp Coll RB 1753
London: 1777: Sp Coll Bi9-f.1
Edinburgh: 1783: Sp Coll P.d.8
Glasgow: 1783: Sp Coll Mu49-h.30
Glasgow: 1788: Sp Coll BD12-b.14
Perth: 1788: Sp Coll BG57-l.8
Attempted in English by Margaret Turner: London: 1790: Sp Coll BD16-e.3
Glasgow (Foulis): 1796: Sp Coll Mu53-a.12, Bh14-x.13 & BD12-b.29
Glasgow: 1797: Sp Coll Mu48-f.6 & BD16-i.1
Edinburgh: 1804: Sp Coll Ca9-d.57
Edinburgh: 1808: 2 v.: Sp Coll BD16-e.2 & DL.8.29-30
Second edition. Edinburgh: 1814. 2 v.: Sp Coll Bo2-d.11-12

A new miscellany of Scots sangs
London: 1727: Sp Coll Bh13-a.16

Poems
Edinburgh: 1721-1728. 2 v.: Sp Coll BD16-b.13-14
With new additions and notes, to which is added, the Gentle shepherd … also a glossary or explanation of the Scots words. Dublin: 1733. 2 v.: Sp Coll BD16-i.2-3
Glasgow: 1770: Sp Coll Mu47-f.6 & BD16-i.15
With an account of his life and writings, etc …Glasgow: 1797. 2 v.: Sp Coll Mu47-e.24-25
New edition, corrected, and enlarged … London:1800. 2 v.: Sp Coll Mu11-f.11-12 & BD16-e.6-7
To which is prefixed the life of the author by William Tennant. Edinburgh: 1819: Sp Coll Robertson Bf70-m.7.

The poetical works of Allan Ramsay; to which is prefixed memoirs of the author; a collection of Scottish proverbs; and an improved glossary, containing words not explained in any former edition
Edinburgh: 1818. 3 v.: Sp Coll RB 2516

The prospect of plenty: a poem on the North-Sea fishery; to which is added, an explanation of the Scotch words used in this poem …
London: 1720: Sp Coll Mu47-g.7

Tea table miscellany
Edinburgh: [1726?]: Sp Coll Ca9-e.12
Glasgow (Foulis): 1768. 2 v.: Sp Coll Mu49-f.6-7
Edinburgh: 1775: Sp Coll BD16-i.9-10
Nineteenth edition. Dublin: 1794: LRA Store HA01599

Bremner, Robert: Thirty Scots songs. Book first: adapted for a voice & harpsichord, by Robert Bremner ; the words by Allen Ramsay
London: [1765?]: Sp Coll Cb2-a.19

Stewart, Neil: Thirty Scots songs. Adapted for a voice and harpsichord … the words by Allan Ramsay
[Edinburgh]: [1780?]: Sp Coll N.b.44 & N.b.34-35
London: [1770?]: Sp Coll N.b.44
The works of Allan Ramsay with life of the author by George Chalmers; an essay on his genius and writings by Lord Woodhouselee; and an appendix relative to his life and posthumous reputation
Edinburgh: [1848?]. 3 v.: LRA HA05926-HA05927

Thomas Reid (1710-1796)

University of Glasgow
Professor of Moral Philosophy, 1764-1781
Vice-rector 1784-1785

Archive Services

Archive Services holds documents relating to Reid’s academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters; disputes; and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library. Documents include the following:

GUA34559: Letter from Thomas Miller to Principal Dr Leechman, University of Glasgow, concerning Dr Reid's letter of acceptance of the office of Professor of Moral Philosophy, 29 May 1764
GUA8825: Memorandum of 'Collections of Dr Reid's Class for the Publick Library', 1765-1771
GUA30172: Reasons of protest taken at the last Comitia by Dr Leechman, Mr Muirhead, Mr Anderson and Mr Reid and answers to the reasons of protest given to the Comitia by Mr Ferguson and other students concerning the right of students to vote in rectorial elections and the Selkirk election in particular, [1766]
GUA8823: Letter from Dr [Thomas] Reid concerning the collection of stents from the classes, n.d. [1768]
GUA8827: Receipt by Thomas Hamilton in favour of Dr Reid for stents, 11 Jan 1768
GUA8828: Receipt by Thomas Hamilton in favour of Dr Reid for stents, 10 Jun 1768
GUA29218: Protest by Dr Reid, Professor of Moral Philosophy, on behalf of the Court trying Woodburn in answer to the protest of the Rector, the Earl of Selkirk, against the proceedings. 7, 11 Jun 1768
GUA8830: Receipt by Thomas Hamilton in favour of John Bryce for stents collected from Dr Reid's class, 10 Aug 1768
GUA29060: Reasons of dissent entered by Dr Reid against a deliverance of the meeting, objecting to the treatment of Professor Anderson accused of mistreating a student and expressing the opinion that he, Anderson, is not receiving a fair trial and adequate time and resources to prepare a defence, 23 Apr 1773
GUA5648: Letter from Thomas Reid, Professor of Philosophy in the College of Glasgow, to Principal Leechman in reply to the proposals sent to him, saying he will not consent to any deviation from the Shaw Park Decree as he considers it not only to be legally binding but also desirable.  Leechman v. Traill, 8 Jan 1776
GUA8558: Notes by Thomas Reid regarding the old library and books borrowed by Dr Traill, 17 May 1776
GUA34617: Letter from Matthew Morthland to Professor Reid concerning an unspecified matter and remarking that 'it is the first time such a step has been taken by the College' and recommending sending letters 'through the Country … Acquainting the Gentlemen and people of the Resolutions of the faculty' and thence to proceed to diligence, 2 May 1777

GUA26900: Documents entitled 'Original minutes concerning the dispute before the Faculty – Reid and Anderson against Wight, Cumin and Stevenson 1780', 1780

GUA8621: Bill of exchange drawn by John Murray to Dr Thomas Reid to the order of William Kerr, 16 Nov 1781

GUA5150: Letter from John Anderson and Thomas Reid in answer to the Principal's representation of 26 Feb 1781 given to the Faculty, n.d. (1781)

GUA8644: Account of Dr Reid's intermissions as Quaestor with Principal Stirling's Fund, Jun 1781- Jun 1783

GUA8618: Receipt by William Wight for balance of library funds in favour of Dr Reid, 26 Apr 1782

GUA8586: Account of Dr Reid's intromissions as Quaestor with Barrowfield's Fund, 10 Jun 1781 to 10 Jun 1783

GUA8629: Receipt by John Balfour & Co for £34 7s 2d sterling in favour of Dr Thomas Reid, Quaestor, 16 May 1783

GUA8643: Account of the incidental charges of Dr Reid's quaestorship, 1783

GUA8617: General state of Dr Reid's account as Quaestor for the library, 10 Jun 1781 to 10 Jun 1783

GUA8645: Memoranda of transactions to be attended to by the subsequent Quaestor (to Dr Thomas Reid), n.d. [1783]

GUA8999: Receipt by Archibald Arthur for books depicted in the library by Dr Reid, 23 Nov 1785

GUA43123: Letter from T Brand Hollis to Professor Wilson thanking the University for works of Dr Reid and glad that the University is pleased with his gift of the works, bust and medallion of Mr Hutcheson, Nov 1797

GUA29041: Representation by Dr Thomas Reid, Clerk of the Faculty, College of Glasgow, that he does not feel he has time to superintend the writing of the minutes as it would distract his attention from other duties and therefore declines the recommendation, 18 cent.

References can be found in the Senate and Faculty minutes to Reid's appointment to chair of Moral Philosophy, quaestor and vice-rector; salary payments; rooms; donation of his works to University; and copy of his portrait

Special Collections

Manuscripts

Letter, dated 3 February 1790, from Thomas Reid, to the Rev. Archibald Alison: MS Gen 502/16

Letter, dated 2 May 1785, from Thomas Reid, to James Gregory (Professor of Medicine in Edinburgh): MS Gen 502/17

Memorandum: MS Gen 506/23
Information by Dr [Thomas] Reid of Glasgow College concerning his son George Reid hospital mate. Autograph document signed, dated Glasgow 6 May 1778. An explanation of his son George's failure to join the troops whom he was to have accompanied, under Farquharson, to America in the capacity of medical officer, giving details of the series of conflicting orders which
led to his being left behind when the troops embarked, and suggesting that George Reid ought to receive some allowance for his expense in providing himself with the necessary equipment.

Notes of Thomas Reid's lectures on pneumatology, 1769: MS Gen 760
Included also are substantial extracts (in English) from Alexandre Savérien's Histoire des philosophes modernes. Inscribed on front cover: Archd [Gra]ham his compend of pneumatology. Glasgow 1769. (Probably to be identified with no. 2733 in W.I. Addison's Matriculation albums of the University of Glasgow.)

Lectures on Pneumatology, Ethics, and Politics, delivered by Thomas Reid, 1774-76. Taken by Robert Jack: MS Gen 116-118

Dissertation read before the Literary Society of Glasgow, 1st April 1763: MS Gen 915
Possibly by Thomas Reid, who was elected member in 1764. On the history of philosophy, evincing a strong regard for scientific empiricism.

Printed Books

Analysis of Aristotle's logic, with remarks
Edinburgh, 1806: Sp Coll BC28-g.29

Essays on the active powers of man
Edinburgh: 1788: BC27-x.10 & RQ 1543

Essays on the intellectual powers of man
Edinburgh: 1785: BC27-x.9 & RQ 1542
To which is added an Analysis of Aristotle's logic. With notes, questions for examination, and a synoptical table of contents by G.N. Wright. London: 1843: Level 10 Main Lib Philosophy CC450.E7 1843-W

Essays on the powers of the human mind
To which is prefixed an account of the life and writings of the author. Edinburgh: 1803. 3 v: LRA E5-e.1-3
Edinburgh/London: 1812. 3 v.: Sp Coll Eadie 796-798
Edinburgh: 1819. 3 v.: LRA E5-g.15-17
London: 1822. 3 v.: Sp Coll NR.7.1-3
London: 1827: Sp Coll NS.8.1

An inquiry into the human mind, on the principles of common sense
Edinburgh: 1764: Sp Coll BC29-e.26
Sixth edition. Glasgow: 1806: Sp Coll NM.5.15
Glasgow: 1817: Sp Coll Mu39-d.2 & Eadie 803
Edinburgh: 1819: Sp Coll NR.7.10
London: 1823: Sp Coll NM.6.9 & NO.7.20

Sketch of the character of the late Thomas Reid, D.D. Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Glasgow ... with Observations on the danger of political innovation from a discourse ... by Dr. Reid ...
Glasgow: 1796: Sp Coll BG57-e.14
Summons to appear with James, Marquis of Graham and other members of the University of Glasgow before Court of Session to answer at the instance of John Anderson, Professor of Natural Philosophy
[S.I.]: [1787]: Sp Coll Mu Add. q16

Works
Now fully collected, with selections from his unpublished letters / preface, notes and supplementary dissertations by Sir William Hamilton; prefixed, Stewart's account of the life and writings of Reid with notes by the editor
Edinburgh: 1846: LRA Ba5-y.4, LRA E5-g.6 & Level 10 Main Lib Philosophy CC450 1846-H
Œuvres complètes de Thomas Reid …publiées par M. Th. Jouffroy ; avec des fragments de M. Royer- Collard ; et une introduction de L'éditeur
Paris: 1828-1836. 6 v.: LRA E5-i.1-6
Paris: 1846-: Sp Coll BC29-e.20 (1 vol only)

William Robertson (1721-1793)

University of Glasgow
Honorary degree, DD 1758

Special Collections

Manuscripts

Letter from William Robertson, to Adam Smith, 14 June [?1759]: MS Gen 1035/139

Printed epitaphs of William Robertson (& J. Foulis and William Forbes), by Dr. Gregory: MS Gen 1476/A/579

Transcript of letter from Principal William Robertson to R. Cullen, 9 Feb 1790 re death of William Cullen: MS Cullen 235

Printed books

An abridgement of the history of Scotland, from Robertson, Stuart, &c. in the manner of Goldsmith's abridgement of the histories of England, Rome, and Greece
London: 1791: Sp Coll RB 4550
Edinburgh: 1793: Sp Coll T.C.L. 922

An historical disquisition concerning the knowledge which the ancients had of India
London: 1791: Sp Coll BG49-b.8 & RQ 1810
The second edition; with the author's last corrections and additions. London: 1794: Sp Coll RQ 1805
Edinburgh: 1807: Sp Coll NP.8.4
Fifth edition. London: 1809: LRA Q15-e.18

The history of America
London, 1777-1796. 3 v.: Sp Coll Bm2-f.4-6
Second edition. London: 1778. 2 v.: Sp Coll BG49-b.6-7 & Hunterian Ed.1.9-10
Eighth edition. London: 1800-1801. 3 v.: Sp Coll NP.8.5-7
The history of ancient Greece from the earliest times, till it became a Roman province
Ninth edition, corrected and improved. Edinburgh: 1829: LRA Q16-g.18

The history of Scotland during the reigns of Queen Mary and of King James VI. till his accession to the Crown of England
London: 1759: Sp Coll Bh5-e.3-4
Sixth edition. London, 1771. 2 v.: Sp Coll Hunterian Ed.1.7-8
Eleventh edition with emendations and additions. London: 1787. 2 v.: Sp Coll RB 4593-4594
London: 1791. 2 v.: Sp Coll BG49-b.1-2
Fourteenth edition with the author's last emendations and additions. London: 1794. 2 v.: Sp Coll RQ 1792-1793
Glasgow: 1802. 2 v.: Sp Coll NR.4.22-23
Eighteenth edition: London: 1809. 3 v.: Level 8 Main Lib History DW900 ROB
Twenty-first edition. 3 v.: LRA Q10-h.10-12
London: 1827. 2 v.: Sp Coll Bo3-f.8 (1 vol) & Level 8 Main Lib History DW900 ROB2

The history of the discovery and conquest of America ... Abridged. With a memoir of the author from that by Dugald Stewart
London: 1835: Sp Coll 81.d.14

The history of the discovery and settlement of America ...
London: 1828: Sp Coll Bo3-f.9

The history of the reign of the Emperor Charles V
London: 1769. 3 v.: Sp Coll Bm2-f.7-9, Hunterian Ed.1.4-6 & BG49-b.3-5 (large paper edition)
Tenth edition. Glasgow: 1801. 4 v: Sp Coll Mu12-h.1-3 (set lacks vol. 2)
Eleventh edition. London: 1809: Level 8 Main Lib History FG270 ROB4
Chiswick: 1824. 4 v.: Level 8 Main Lib History FG270 ROB
London: 1828: Sp Coll Bo3-f.7

The situation of the world at the time of Christ's appearance, and its connection with the success of his religion, considered: a sermon, preached before the Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge, January 6, 1755
Edinburgh: 1755: Sp Coll Mu56-i.17
Edinburgh: 1818: LRA B176-k.10

The works of William Robertson
To which is prefixed, an account of his life and writings by Dugald Stewart ... London: 1812. 12 v.: Sp Coll T.C.L. q245-q256
Comprising the twelve volumes of other editions. London: 1829. 2 v.: Sp Coll NR.7.18-19
London: 1840. 8 v.: LRA Store HA03140-HA03147

Robert Simson (1687-1768)

University of Glasgow
Student, 1702-1710
Graduate MA, 1711
Clerk of Senate 1728-1762

Archive Services

Archive Services holds documents relating to Simson’s registration as a student and his academic duties and administrative roles at the University – including appointment letters, salary payments and his role as Quaestor (treasurer) of Library and clerk of Senate (very numerous and often covered with mathematical jottings). Documents include the following:

GUA34562: Manuscript of subscriptions to the Oath of Allegiance to Queen Anne by Masters of the College of Glasgow, signed by Robert Simson, 1711
GUA17784: Account of charge and discharge of Robert Simson, Quaester to the Library, 1712-1713
GUA19602: Note from Mr Moor to Dr Simson relating to his Quaestor's accounts, n.d.
GUA34693: Letter from William Forbes to Professor Robert Simson expressing his delight at having been chosen as Dean of Faculty, 29 Jun 1732
GUA26102: Letter from William Adam to Robert Simson referring to the moulds for the Library and Benjamin Scott, mathematical instrument maker, London, plus mathematical memoranda, 10 Aug 1732
GUA34912: Manuscript account of money given to the workmen in the Morthland's defence by Robert Simson, 1732
GUA35018: Manuscript letter from Robert Simson and A L Dunlop instructing Charles Morthland to advance more money to John Silverstyn for carved work in the New Library, Jan 1733
GUA26126: Letter from Principal Neil Cameron, College of Glasgow, to Robert Simson referring to a gold seal box on which the name of the University is to be placed and to a second seal box on which the arms of Everard Fawkener, Duke of Cumberland, are to be placed, 13 Aug 1746
GUA34666: Copy letter from William Crosse, Professor of Civil Law, to Professor Robert Simson concerning the necessity for teaching law, 25 Oct 1746
GUA30281: Letter to Robert Simson, from William Cross, Professor of Law, stating that he has received Simson's letter in which he is told that Law is to be taught this year and indicating his compliance, 25 Oct 1746
GUA30282: Letter to Robert Simson, Professor of Mathematics, from William Cross, Professor of Law, concerning his teaching Law at the University of Glasgow and mentioning a difference of opinion between himself and Mr Lindsay, 15 Oct 1747
GUA34670: Letter from Professor Crosse to Professor Simson requesting that he be granted leave of absence for one year and that Mr Lindsay be permitted to fill the post during his absence, 14 Nov 1747
GUA26170: Miscellaneous mathematical jottings with inscription 'Letters on College affairs Geo. Balfour 1750
GUA30349: Letter from Adam Smith to Robert Simson accepting post of Professor of Logic, 10 Jan 1751
GUA26198b: Note on reverse of letter from William Wilson to Robert Simson dated 30 May 1751 referring to a Mr McNeight who got out an Erasmus Paraphrase on the New Testament for three months upon 13 June 1750 and to a Hinus Anatomy lent out by note signed by W And, Will Ruat, Will Leechman, Will Cullen, 1 Jun 1751
GUA26206: Invitation from Archibald Houstoun to Dr Robert Simpson to attend the funeral of his mother, Martha Stuart, on 4 August. Mathematical memoranda, 3 Aug 1751

GUA26208: Letter from Kathie Andersone to Robert Simson referring to Simson's request to settle his young friend with them and mentioning Mr Leechman. Mathematical memoranda, 29 Sep 1751

GUA26209: Letter from James Purdie to Robert Simson referring to an enclosed certificate from Mr Hamilton, minister of Bothwell, and his son stating that the directions of the Faculty will be followed for receiving boys into the school, 10 Oct 1751

GUA26230: Letter from Thomas Livingston at Lesmahagow to Robert Simson referring to the kindness which Simson had shown to his elder son and hoping to see Simson at Mrs Miller's, apparently to discuss his second son. Financial memoranda on professors' salaries. Mentions Mr Potter, Mr Leechman, Mr Wood, Mr Morthland and Mr Dunlop, 13 Apr 1752

GUA26232: Letter from Neil Campbell to Dr Simson referring to the price of the clock which Mr Dicky will make for no less than £55 because he wants to 'venture his credit' on its workmanship. Mentions the minister of Kinross, the Synod of Fife, Dr Lindsay, Dr Cullen and Mrs Miller, 23 May 1752

GUA26247: Letter from Andrew Malvey to Robert Simson introducing Johnie Douglas and asking Simson to admit him into his own class, 13 Nov 1752

GUA43191: Letter from Robert Brownlie to Professor Simson concerning the course of study of Henry William McQuhai with regard to his taking up mathematics, Nov 1752

GUA26253: Letter from Andrew Dickie to Robert Simson referring to two artificial magnets. Enclosed are three equation tables for Simson, Mure and John Bruce. Dickie reminds Simson about the payment for the clock, 21 Dec 1752

GUA26261: Printed petition of James Craig, portioner of Partick, unto the Right Honourable the Lords of Council and Session. Mentions William Purdie (1736), the Archbishoprick of Glasgow, the Lord Drummore Ordinary, of the University of Glasgow, the Merkland of Partick, the Mills of Bedlay and Clydesmill, 24 Jan 1753

GUA26270: Letter from William Mure to Robert Simson referring to the diploma which he has delivered on behalf of the University of Glasgow to the Lord Chancellor for his son, Colonel Yorke. Mentions Mr Foulis, London, 24 Feb 1753

GUA26271: Letter cover from William Mure of Caldwell, Rector, about delivering Colonel Yorke's diploma to his father, the Chancellor of Great Britain, 2 Feb 1753

GUA26272: Letter from Robert Barclay to Dr Simson referring to his application. Mathematical memoranda, 13 Mar 1753

GUA26273: Letter from Andrew Dickie to Robert Simson referring to two artificial magnets. Enclosed are three equation tables for Simson, Mure and John Bruce. Dickie reminds Simson about the payment for the clock, 2 Mar 1753

GUA26281: Printed invitation from James Arbuckle to Robert Simson to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs Margaret Arbuckle, on 1 June, 30 May 1753

GUA26282: Letter from Colin Campbell to Robert Simson requesting Simson's presence at the funeral of his uncle, Daniel Campbell of Shawfield, on 15 June. Mentions Woodhall, 9 Jun 1753

GUA30415: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson detailing the events of his meetings with the Duke of Argyll concerning the renewal of the lease, etc. and, on the authority of the Duke of Argyll, has begun the ordering of the new astronomical instruments required by the University of Glasgow, 7 Feb 1754

GUA30416: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson giving a detailed account of proceedings concerning the lawsuit with Balliol College and describing new micrometer invented by Mr Short, 19 Feb 1754
GUA30418: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson informing him that the lawsuit with Balliol College has been opened and reminding him to write concerning the new astronomical instruments, 28 Feb 1754

GUA30419: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson concerning renewal of the tack and enclosing the petition with the reference by the Board of Treasury to the Barons, 2 Mar 1754

GUA30420: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson concerning the lawsuit with Balliol, stating that he is to meet Mr Daich, a senior Fellow of Balliol College, and asking for further instructions relating to the new astronomical instruments and for a voucher to enable him to have books delivered from Stationers' Hall, 7 Mar 1754

GUA30424: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson concerning lawsuit with Balliol College, renewal of lease, etc. and further discussing the quadrant ordered for the Astronomy Department, 25 Mar 1754

GUA30426: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson concerning the dispute between Glasgow University and the trustees of Dr Williams' Mortification and the lawsuit between the University and Balliol College and referring to new astronomical instruments, 4 Apr 1754

GUA30427: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson concerning his meetings with the Master in Chancery and with Mr Sharpe relating to proceedings of the lawsuit with Balliol College, 6 Apr 1754

GUA30428: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson concerning dispute with the trustees of Dr Williams' Mortification and the lawsuit with Balliol College and stating that Mr Simson of Stationers' Hall has objected to the power of attorney given to Professor Ruat to receive books from Michaelmas 1752 to 1753; answers objections made by Mr Moor to the size of quadrant ordered by Ruat for the Astronomy Department and referring to new astronomical department instruments and asking Mr Morthland to forward a bill for £50 for the meridional telescope, 11 Apr 1754

GUA30429: Letter from Matthew Morthland, Factor to the University of Glasgow, to Robert Simson concerning the bill for £50 requested by Professor Ruat for the meridional telescope, 17 Apr 1754

GUA26294: Letter from Stuart Douglas, soldier, to Robert Simson requesting degree from the University of Glasgow as he intends to become a clergyman. Mentions Mr Dick, the Balliol Exhibition, Colonel Dunbar's Regiment and the British Coffee House near Charing Cross, London, 25 Apr 1754

GUA26303: Letter from Robert Dick to Robert Simson concerning instruments for the University of Glasgow Observatory and mentioning various instruments and makers thereof and other matters, 8 Aug 1754

GUA26305a: Letter from Robert Dick to Robert Simson thanking him for having arranged a £50 bill for him. Referring to various instruments. Mentions Mr Campbell's Observatory at Greenwich, Dr Bradley's new Observatory and Lord Macclesfield's at Shirhinn Castle and other matters, 27 Aug 1754

GUA26308: Letter from Robert Dick to Robert Simson referring to the list of instruments which he had handed to the Faculty. Mentions quadrant Bird is making, clock, Mr Gardner, the Oxford professors of Anatomy and Botany and the deceased Mr Rosse, 14 Sep 1754

GUA30447: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson informing him that he took the letter of attorney to Stationers' Hall and collected the books for the University of Glasgow which are now on board a vessel bound for the Clyde, 15 Aug 1754

GUA30453: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson giving further details of the case with Balliol College and stating that the quadrant has been shipped to Greenock, etc., 14 Dec 1754
GUA30482: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson describing procedure in further stages of the affair with Balliol College concerning the estate of Uffton; postscript stating that he has enclosed the receipt for the case and Martin Folke's catalogue for Simson with the telescope for Dr Hamilton, 25 Nov 1755

GUA30485: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson mentioning that the Duke of Argyll is 'positive against the two brothers being members of the University', a point which Ruat considers too delicate to press 'for fear of not succeeding in our main point, getting our good friend the Doctor to succeed Cullen' and detailing renewal of case of Uffton Estate and the inscription for Simson's mathematics book, 4 Jan 1756

GUA43160: Letter from John Anderson to Robert Simson, Professor of Mathematics, concerning unrest in France and the Duke of Argyll's patronage of candidates for the Chair of Medicine at Glasgow University, May 1756

GUA43161: Letter from John Anderson to Professor Robert Simson discussing various books, including Euclid and Sanderson's Treatise, Jun 1756

GUA30507: Letter from Professor William Ruat to Robert Simson stating that he has ordered the last copy of Critical Review from Mr Nowse to be sent off with John Anderson's Racine comments on contemporary political matters, and mentioning the Byng trial, the Militia Bill, and altercation in the House of Commons between Mr Pitt and Mr Fox and referring to the King of Prussia, 17 Feb 1757

GUA30544: Letter from Professor William Rouet to Robert Simson reporting that no further progress has been made in the Balliol College case and referring to Simson's book, Fort Duguesne, 13 Jan 1759

GUA45266: Demission and resignation by: Robert Simson, Professor of Mathematics, 1761

References can be found in the Senate and Faculty minutes to Simson’s appointment to chair of Mathematics; salary payments; accusation of heresy (1714); class room; donation of his books to University; and his role as Clerk of Senate and keeper of the University records.

Special Collections

Simson Collection

Some 850 printed books, mainly early mathematical and astronomical texts, comprising Simson’s personal library. This library, including some of his own works, was bequeathed to the University on his death in 1768. A number of manuscript items relating to Simson, including notebooks and letters, were acquired at various times subsequently. Only works by Simson are listed below. See collection description (with links to itemised lists of all holdings) for further details: http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/collection/simson.html

Manuscripts

Two letters from Robert Simson to Dr [James] Jurin: MS Gen 1096
On mathematics, including inverse tangent series and their use in calculating pi; these are good copies (probably made 1750s) with annotations by Simson, of the originals, written 1723-1724

Letter from Simson to Colin Maclaurin, dated Glasgow, 7 May 1729: MS Gen 1378/3
Subscriptions for Newton's Optics, including one from Dr Johnston for Glasgow University Library; asks about progress of his 'piece of the collision of bodies' and of his Algebra

Letter from Simson to Colin Maclaurin, Glasgow, 27 July 1736: MS Gen 1378/4
On mathematical writings, with mention of Maclaurin's notes in a book belonging to Simson dated 1720 [Maclaurin's Geometria organica, Ea7-c.9? - which has notes in pencil]
Printed Latin translation (published 1589) of mathematical work by Pappus Alexandrinus with annotations by Simson (created between 1739 and 1768): MS Gen 1118

Collection of papers including original letters on mathematical subjects (between Robert Simson, Matthew Stewart and James Stirling). 1741-1755: MS Gen 146
Discussion includes the quadrature of the hyperbola and on porisms; with related secondary material

Letters and papers on mathematical subjects: MS Gen 196
A volume containing notes with letters and other papers pasted or tipped in throughout. Includes letters to and from George Lewis Scott, Matthew Stewart and James Moor, and two letters from Robert Simson to Professor William Trail. At the front of the volume is a 'List of Dr Simsons letters & of letters from his correspondents to be [presented?]'. Created between 1722 and 1764.

Adversaria on mathematical subjects. [Glasgow], 1716-1767: MS Gen 256-271
Autograph manuscript by Robert Simson; 16 bound notebooks with many figures and diagrams

Letters to Professor Robert Simson and Other Documents: MS Murray 660
Contains an engraved portrait print of Robert Simson followed by 24 items, tipped in. These mainly comprise letters, the majority from William Rouet (1758-1764), written in various European cities, also two from G L Scott. The items include a note of Simson's clothing, March 1769 (item 20) and notes on reading history, particularly history of France (item 24). At the end of the volume is a copy of an extract from Glasgow Testaments Commissariat, February 1769, setting out Simson's will.

Printed books

Euclid: Elements
Latin. Glasgow (Foulis): 1756: Sp Coll Mu55-c.3, Bn8-d.4 & RQ 1432
English. Glasgow (Foulis): 1756: Sp Coll Hunterian Cz.1.16
English: Glasgow: 1762: Sp Coll B18-g.20
English. Edinburgh: 1775: Sp Coll Eaton 3 & Bi73-g.38
English. Glasgow: 1781: Sp Coll Mu32-b.1 & Mu41-d.19
English. "In which the corrections of Dr Simson are generally adopted, but the errors overlooked by him are corrected, and the obscurities of his and other editions explained". Edinburgh: 1799: Sp Coll 85.d.18 & RB 3439
English. Dublin: 1803: LRA I16-h.15
English. Glasgow: 1803: Sp Coll RB 3484
English. London: 1827: LRA I15-c.5 & I16-c.23
English. London: 1829: LRA I16-c.22
English. London: 1835: LRA I16-b.5
English. London: 1840: LRA I16-i.9
English. London: 1842: LRA I16-b.7
English. London: 1845: LRA I16-i.2

Elements of the conic sections / Sectionum conicarum libri quinque
Edinburgh: 1735: Sp Coll Ferguson Ag-y.37 & Bh3-f.2
Translated from the Latin original. Edinburgh: 1775: Sp Coll Eadie 27, Bk9-g.6, NN.7.25 & RB 3442
Apollonius, of Perga: Locorum planorum libri II. restituti a Roberto Simson, M.D.
Glasgow: 1749: Sp Coll Ea6-b.1 & Bm8-f.2. (Simson's copy)

Opera quaedam reliqua, scilicet, I. Apolloni Pergaei de sectione determinata libri II. Restituti duobus insuper libris aucti. II. Porismatum liber, quo doctrinam hanc veterum geometrarum ab oblivione vindicare, et ad captum hodiernorum adumbrare constitutum est. III. De logarithmis liber. IV. De limitibus quantitatum et rationum, fragmentum. V. Appendix paucia continens problemata ad illustrandam praecipue veterum geometrarum analysin.
Glasgow (Foulis): 1776: Sp Coll Ea5-b.2 (Simson's copy), Mu21-a.54, BD12-c.22, Hunterian Cz.1.24, Eaton 33 & RQ 1430.

Professor Simson's declaration, which he gave in to the University of Glasgow, April 29, 1729.
Glasgow: 1729: Sp Coll T.C.L. 3989

A treatise concerning porisms ... Translated from the Latin by John Lawson
Canterbury: 1777: Sp Coll RQ 461

John Sinclair (1754-1835)

University of Glasgow
Honorary Degree LLD, 1788

Archive Services

GUA58435: Presentations to honorary degree, 1788

Special Collections

Printed books

An account of the systems of husbandry adopted in the more improved districts of Scotland; with some observations on the improvements of which they are susceptible. Drawn up for the consideration of the board of agriculture, with a view of explaining how far those systems are applicable to the less cultivated parts in England, and Scotland.

Analysis of the Statistical account of Scotland
Edinburgh: 1825-1826. 2 v.: Sp Coll RB 2674
Edinburgh: 1826-1831. 2 v: Sp Coll BG52-d.10-11

The code of health and longevity
Edinburgh: 1807: LRA Store 9794-9797
Sixth edition. London: 1844: LRA Ba5-b.1

A collection of papers on the subject of athletic exercises
London: 1806: Sp Coll Bf73-h.11

A dissertation on the authenticity of the poems of Ossian
London: 1806: Sp Coll d.5.11
General observations regarding the present state of the Kingdom of Denmark: Drawn up in the course of a tour made anno 1786
[London?): [1787?): Sp Coll RQ 1770/159

General report of the agricultural state, and political circumstances, of Scotland. Drawn up for the consideration of the Board of Agriculture
Edinburgh: 1814. 3/5 v.: Sp Coll DM.9.5-9 & RB 551-553

General view of the agriculture of the northern counties and islands of Scotland; including the counties of Cromarty, Ross, Sutherland, and Caithness, and the islands of Orkney and Shetland; with observations on the means of their improvement
London: 1795: Sp Coll Mu55-e.14 & LRA Store HA02201

Hints on vegetation, the agents necessary for the production of plants, and those which are injurious, or destructive to them
Edinburgh: 1834: Sp Coll Mu22-b.4 & LRA BG33-e.19

History of the origin and progress of the Statistical account of Scotland
[Edinburgh?): [1798?): Sp Coll Mu10-e.12 & LRA Y4-k.2

The history of the public revenue of the British Empire
London: 1790: Sp Coll RF 437

Important information, respecting the agricultural question. 1. As to the effects of the alteration in the rate of our foreign exchanges, since the restoration of cash payments, on the prices of imported corn; and, 2. On the expediency of preserving in the warehousing of foreign corn
[Edinburgh?): 1822: Sp Coll RQ 1770/396

Observations on the propriety of preserving the dress, the language, the poetry, the music and the customs of the ancient inhabitants of Scotland: addressed to the Highland Societies of London and of Scotland
London: 1804: Level 8 Main Lib History DV370 SHA

Observations on the report of the Bullion Committee

On the culture and uses of potatoes
Edinburgh: 1828: LRA Y7-c.11 & Sp Coll Mu54-g.28

Prospectus d'un ouvrage intitulé: Analyse de l'état politique d'Écosse, d'après les rapports des ministres de chaque paroisse
London: 1792: Sp Coll Mu10-e.12

A scene from Ossian. Extracted from a dissertation (now in the press) on the authenticity of Ossian
London: 1806: Sp Coll RQ 1056

The statistical account of Scotland: drawn up from the communications of the ministers of the different parishes
Edinburgh: 1791-1799. 21 v.: Sp Coll Mu9-g.14-20, Mu9-f.1-14 & LRA Store HA02392-HA02433

Statistics of Glasgow
Glasgow: 1824: LRA Y10-k.6
Substance of Sir John Sinclair's address to the Board of Agriculture on Tuesday the twenty-ninth of July, 1794: stating the progress that has been made by the board, and the advantages that may be expected from improving the territory of the kingdom
[London?]: 1794: LRA Y7-b.3

Correspondence

The correspondence of the Right Honourable Sir John Sinclair, Bart., with reminiscences of the most distinguished characters … during the last fifty years. Illustrated by facsimiles of two hundred autographs.
London: 1831-1832. 2 v.: Sp Coll BC5-e.8-9 & LRA U21-b.15-16.

John Robinson: Letter to Sir John Sinclair, bart. from John Robinson, Esq., 5th April, 1794
London: 1794: Sp Coll Mu55-e.17, LRA Store HA02188 & Store HA02198

William Creech: Letters, addressed to Sir John Sinclair bart. respecting the mode of living, arts, commerce, literature, manners, &c. of Edinburgh, in 1763, and since that period … Together with some account of the physical phenomena in Scotland for the last fifteen years
Edinburgh: 1793: Sp Coll 941

George Washington: Letters from His Excellency George Washington, President of the United States of America, to Sir John Sinclair, Bart. M.P. on agricultural, and other interesting topics

Andrew Bell: Letters to the Rt. Hon. Sir John Sinclair, Bart. on the Infant School Society at Edinburgh : the scholastic institutions of Scotland : and on the peculiar facilities and advantages of her parochial schools, for the adoption of the intellectual machinery for the multiplication of power and division of labour in the moral and religious world : with a scheme of a classical school for children of the richer classes of the community at the earliest age
London: 1829: LRA Y7-c.8

William Smellie (1740-1795)

Special Collections

Printed books

Account of the institution and progress of the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland
Edinburgh: 1782-1784. 2 v.: Sp Coll Bf72-a.7 & Hunterian Em.1.11

Encyclopædia Britannica; or, A dictionary of arts and sciences compiled upon a new plan … by a society of gentlemen in Scotland … [Edited by William Smellie]
Edinburgh: 1771. 3 v.: Sp Coll q832-834

Georges Louis Leclerc Buffon: Histoire naturelle
Natural history, general and particular … translated into English … notes and observations, by William Smellie.
London: 1785. 9 v.: Sp Coll 1693-1701
Third edition. London: 1791. 9v.: Sp Coll RQ 739-747

The philosophy of natural history
Edinburgh: 1790-1799: LRA H18-a.3-4
Sir James Steuart-Denham (1713-1780)

Special Collections

Printed books

Considerations on the interest of the county of Lanark
Glasgow: 1769: Sp Coll Mu22-c.18, Mu56-e.3, Mu26-a.18 & LRA BG33-e.19

An inquiry into the principles of political oeconomy: being an essay on the science of domestic policy in free nations. : In which are particularly considered population, agriculture, trade, industry, money, coin, interest, circulation, banks, exchange, public credit and taxes
London: 1767. 2 v.: Sp Coll Bh2-e.4-5 & RF 663-664

Observations on the advantages arising to the public from good roads; particularly, of the utility of a short and easy communication between the firths of Forth and Clyde; with remarks on the present roads leading to Glasgow
Glasgow: 1766: Sp Coll Mu26-d.43

Remarks on the proposed bill for the improvement of the roads in the county of Lanark by statute labour
Glasgow: 1805: Sp Coll Mu26-d.30

Sketch of a plan for executing a set of roads over all the county of Lanark
[Glasgow]: 1770: Sp Coll Mu16-c.19

Dugald Stewart (1753-1828)

University of Glasgow

Student, 1771

Archive Services

Archives Services holds documents relating to his registration as a student.

Special Collections

Manuscripts

Notebook, mainly containing notes on history: MS Gen 1103/6
Near the end are notes headed "Mr. Stewarts lecture" (presumably a lecture by Dugald Stewart). c. 1785. Presented to Glasgow University by Josiah Walker's grandsons in 1899.

Letter, from Dugald Stewart, to Adam Smith, postmarked Dover, 6 May 1789: MS Gen 1097/9

Printed books

Account of the life and writings of Thomas Reid
London: 1801: Sp Coll Mu8-e.10 & DO.6.7
Edinburgh: 1802: LRA U10-e.6
Biographical memoirs, of Adam Smith, LL.D., of William Robertson, D.D., and of Thomas Reid, D.D. Read before the Royal Society of Edinburgh / now collected into one volume, with some additional notes, by Dugald Stewart

Dissertation ... exhibiting a general view of the progress of metaphysical, ethical, and political philosophy, since the revival of letters in Europe. Part 2
Edinburgh: 1821: Sp Coll BC28-x.6

Dissertations on the history of metaphysical and ethical and of mathematical and physical science. With a general index
Edinburgh: 1835: Sp Coll BC28-x.7

Elements of the philosophy of the human mind
London: 1843: Sp Coll BC32-a.2

Adam Smith: Essays on philosophical subjects ... to which is prefixed, an account of the life and writings of the author, by Dugald Stewart
Basel: 1800: Sp Coll BC29-e.25

Outlines of moral philosophy
Edinburgh: 1793: Sp Coll T.C.L. 1660

Philosophical essays
Edinburgh: 1810: Sp Coll b.4.18, NO.5.4, BC28-x.5 & LRA Store HQ00143

The philosophy of the active and moral powers of man
Edinburgh: 1828. 2 v: LRA E6-e.3-4, E6-e.7-8 & E12-a.4-5

Postscript to Mr Stewart's Short statement of facts relative to the election of Professor Leslie
Edinburgh: 1806: Sp Coll Mu3-b.21 & Mu56-i.21

A short statement of some important facts, relative to the late election of a mathematical professor in the University of Edinburgh; accompanied with original papers and critical remarks
Edinburgh: 1805: Sp Coll Mu3-b.19 & LRA C14 (superscript 2)-h.2

Tracts, historical and philosophical, relative to the important discussions ... between the members of the University and the Presbytery of Edinburgh, respecting the election of Mr. Leslie to the professorship of mathematics ... [Edited by Dugald Stewart]
Edinburgh: 1806. 2 v: Sp Coll DM.4.7-8

The works of Dugald Stewart
Cambridge: 1829. 7 v.: LRA Store Philosophy CC490 1829

Thomas Reid: The works of Thomas Reid ... prefixed, Stewart's account of the life and writings of Reid
Robert Wallace (1697-1771)

**Special Collections**

**Printed books**

Dissertation on the numbers of mankind, in ancient and modern times
French translation by Marc Antoine Eidous. Amsterdam: 1769: Sp Coll Ferguson Add. 90

The regard due to divine revelation, and to pretences to it, considered; a sermon preached before the Provincial Synod of Dumfreis ... 1729 ...
London: 1731: Sp Coll B13-g.20

A reply to a letter directed to the minister of Moffat, concerning the positive institutions of Christianity ...
London: 1732: Sp Coll BC33-h.10, T.C.L. 4035 & T.C.L. 3730

James Watt (1736-1819)

**University of Glasgow**

**Scientific Instrument Maker to the University**

**Honorary degree, LLD 1806**

**Archive Services**

GUA58414: Vouchers and list of accounts for furnaces and utensils provided for the laboratory and account of Dr Black to James Watt for providing a lid to Papins digester and turning a steel screw, 14 Jan 1756

GUA32201: Account from James Watt to the University of Glasgow for putting their instruments into working order, 23 May 1759

GUA58259: Accounts and vouchers for the Ordinary Revenue including precept and receipt to James Watt for refitting astronomical instruments, 2 Dec 1756

GUA58357: Correspondence from James Watt concerning intention to leave £300 in trust for students of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry in recognition of the many favours conferred on him by the University, 22 Sep 1809

GUA58373: Accounts and vouchers for the Ordinary Revenue including: receipt for payment of J Watt Foundation, 1810

References can be found in the **Senate and Faculty minutes** to Watt's work for the University as instrument maker, repairing steam engine, his rooms within the University and advice to heating system in Hunterian Museum
Special Collections

Manuscripts

Papers relating to the families of Muirhead and Watt: MS Gen 1354
The majority of the material is connected with the research, writing and publishing of a biography of James Watt by James Patrick Muirhead (1813-1898). This includes a sequence of 904 letters exchanged between James Watt Jr (1769-1848) and Muirhead between 1834 and 1847. As David Miller writes, these are concerned mainly with Watt's aim to document his father's life and achievements. "Other letters ... document exchanges with informants, publishers, printers, booksellers, engravers, reviewers, editors, and also with recipients of presentation copies. Apart from their interest for those concerned with the Watt legacy, these papers also make a fascinating case study of early Victorian publishing and literary life."
Documents are too numerous to list individually here, but see the collection level record on the manuscripts catalogue for further details:
http://special.lib.gla.ac.uk/manuscripts/search/detaila.cfm?AID=4287
(and follow link 'list collection content' for itemised listing).

Concerning the operation of the stove in the Hunterian Museum

Notes entitled, "Ext[rac]ts from Mr. Watt's letter to Dr. Brewster on the origin of his improvements on the steam-engine": MS Cullen 574/11

Printed Books

An account of the navigable canal, proposed to be cut from the River Clyde to the River Carron, as surveyed by Robert MacKell and James Watt, London: 1767: Sp Coll Mu26-d.43

An account of the scheme for rendering navigable the Rivers Forth and Devon, with estimates of the expence, Edinburgh: 1774: Sp Coll Mu1-e.5

Reports to the Lords Commissioners of Police, relative to the navigation of the Rivers Forth, Gudie, and Devon, Glasgow (Foulis): 1773: Sp Coll Mu1-e.5


[Facsimiles of letters from James Watt and of the handwriting of his father and others]
[S.l.]: [n.d.]: Sp Coll Mu24-y.42