

Preface to General Index, Volumes 106–126

The General Index to Volumes LXXXII–CV, published in 1980, set a format for future ones. One change has been made to that format in producing the Index to Volumes 106 to 126 which is now divided into two parts. Part 1 is a Fellows' and Donors' Index, containing the names of Fellows elected between 1974 and 1996, the offices held, resignations and deaths and names of Donors. Honorary Fellows are similarly recorded. Papers and other contributions, including shorter notes, specialized reports, lecture summaries, the names of Rhind lecturers and of illustrators are indexed in Part 1 and Part 2 under the names of Fellows. Papers and other contributions by non-Fellows are indexed in Part 2 together with the subjects of all papers, place names, and period attributions as in the usual index to a volume of the Society's *Proceedings*.

The names of all donors, Fellows and non-Fellows, to the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland are indexed by name in Part 1. As the Index lists only name and initials, there is some duplication of names so occasionally a title, first name or place name distinguishes a donor. It has not always been possible to link together the names of donors whose initials were either not recorded or recorded differently on separate occasions, so some entries may refer to identical persons. With the creation of the National Museums of Scotland in 1985 the practice of recording such names in the *Proceedings* ceased. Significant donations or purchases are indexed in Part 2, for example notable collections of coins or silverware.

An explanation of abbreviations and punctuation in the Indexes is required. Volume numbers are in **bold type**. A semi-colon denotes either a new volume number or a new article within a volume. A colon indicates that what follows is either a list of articles or an entry with a number of sub-heads. 'f' after a

page number indicates that more material, though not indexed, will be found on fiche in the pocket at the back of the volume; 'd' and 'p' after a page number indicate a donation or purchase respectively. Brackets are used where necessary to avoid possible confusion with volume numbers, for regnal dates, for botanical Latin names and for some explanatory terms.

There are four ways of accessing information in Part 2 of the Index: by author, by period, by place or site name and by subject. As the amount of specialized information and reports has increased enormously during the years covered by the twenty-one volumes under review, some condensation of the entries has been employed to prevent overloading. Thus cereals, plants, shrubs and trees are not recorded under individual species. An exception has been made for particularly interesting or unusual species, for example, fruits and some medicinal plants. Fauna is recorded under animal, bird, cetacean and fish bone. Certain entries, bone, coins and pottery for example, have been sorted into more manageable sections with the latter two listed chronologically.

Archaeological terminology has changed during the years covered by these volumes. Bronze was the common description for metal objects believed to be such. Copper alloy is now the preferred term. However, bronze is retained in default of precise information for the original entries and copper alloy where that is the term used. Terminology for archaeological materials and for archaeological objects follows wherever possible that recommended by *The British Museum Materials Thesaurus 1997* and the Museum Documentation Association *MDA Archaeological Objects Thesaurus 1997* respectively.

In the indexing of the *Proceedings* it has been the practice to continue to use the former

counties of Scotland as a key geographical unit. The county system was abandoned in May 1975 in favour of a system of Regions and Districts. Regions and Districts were then replaced by Councils in April 1996. The present index uses the former County as a unit, as this remains a readily understood geographical unit and is still often the postal name of an area. There are apparent anomalies because the titles of some papers in the *Proceedings* use Region and District and this may not contain any element of the former county name. The titles have been given exactly as published, but the site will appear in the county running list and indexed under its earlier administrative attribution. For some Districts the boundaries were very similar to the former Counties but for others such as Banff and Buchan or West Lothian the area covered was rather different. In some cases, for example, the transfer of Ardnamurchan and Morvern to Lothian District, has meant that sites indexed here under Argyll, are now in fact in Highland Council. Grantown on Spey, for example, now in Highland Council, will be found under the Moray county list. A similar, if more complicated, situation existed within the large area of Strathclyde Region when it was re-formed into a series of Councils in 1996. Within the 1975–96 Central Region, a totally new District, and now Council, Falkirk, was created and thus places which were in Stirlingshire are now in Falkirk Council. Antonine Wall sites are particularly affected and thus these have been listed from west

to east under Antonine Wall as well as individually, but attributed to the old Counties. Entries for the Western Isles have not been indexed under their former counties, as this would hardly be helpful, but under the individual islands, and the same practice has been followed for the Inner Islands. Non-Scottish place names cited as comparanda for archaeological or architectural material have not as a rule been included.

Three maps have been provided to facilitate the use of the Index in geographical terms. The first shows the counties as they existed before 1975, the second the system of Regions and Districts of 1975 to 1996, the third illustrates the current Councils. The Society is grateful to the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland for the provision of the maps.

The Society invited me to undertake the indexing of Volumes 106 to 126 in 1998. The labour involved has in some way repaid a debt to the Society and to the old National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and its staff who made me welcome as an undergraduate and post-graduate student of archaeology from 1952 to 1957. I am grateful to the many Fellows who have helped and advised, particularly the President, Graham Ritchie, the Director, Fionna Ashmore, Ian G Shepherd and Daphne Lorimer and to Morvern Hardie and June Rowan who helped with Fellows' records. I especially thank my daughters, Rachel, Ruth and Brigid for their understanding support throughout.

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