Donations to and Purchases for the Museum, 1977–8

**Donations**

1. Flint artefacts and two stone spindle whorls, from Muircleugh Farm, Lauder, Berwickshire. By Mrs Dobson, Walkerburn.
4–5. Stone axes from Peeblesshire; and Carllops, Midlothian (NT 158563). By R Carr, Edinburgh; Miss R Wilson, Carllops.
7. Further material from the Mackenzie collection (see *Proc Soc Antiq Scot*, 105, 1972–4, 287–92) comprising two sherds of Neolithic pottery, a quantity of decorated Iron Age ware, and various stone artefacts, including a macehead, an axehammer, and two steatite line weights; all probably from North Uist. By G T Mackenzie and Mrs A F Fleming.
8. Flint tools from Irvine, Ayrshire; a grass-tempered sherd from a crannog in Bishop Loch, Renfrewshire; Roman flue tile from Balmeuldy and Roman brick from Bar Hill, Dunbartonshire; chipped stone disc from an old grave at Haile's Quarry, Edinburgh; sherds of medieval pottery from Forestfield, Shot Hills, Lanarkshire. By the Royal Scottish Museum.
9. Two flint arrowheads, one leaf-shaped, one barbed-and-tanged, and a flint flake from Easter Heathland Farm and Haywood Farm, Forth, Lanarkshire. By the Forestry Commission, Cleghorn.
10. Sherds of one comb-decorated and two incised beakers found on croft no 7, Elishader, Kilmuir, Isle of Skye (NG 496655). By D Ross, Elishader.
11. Sherds from a comb-stamped beaker, labelled 'from Cruden, Aberdeenshire, 1862', and an electrotype replica of the silver-gilt flagon with Biblical scenes from the Traprain Law treasure. By the Trustees of the British Museum.
12. A beaker and a flint knife from a cist at Newbiggingmill Quarry, Carnwath, Lanarkshire (NT 0355431). By Tilling Construction Services Ltd per P Logan and J B Stevenson.
17. Part of a stone column from Newstead, Roxburghshire (J Curle, *A Roman Frontier Post*, 1911, pl XI, 1). By St Andrew's College, Drygrange, Melrose.
18. Two utilised stones found at Braidwood Fort, Midlothian in the excavations of 1951–5. By Professor S Piggott, Hon.F.S.A.Scot.
20. Iron Age sherds from sites on Barra: Uamh an Duin, Eoligarry (NF 695080); Eoligarry machair, various sites; Dùn Chùl (NF 682053); and Dùn Scruiridal (NF 696081); also a fragment of polished stone axe from Dùn Scruiridal. By Miss M Harmen, Ewhurst, Sussex.
21. Iron Age sherds from a dun on Vatersay, and from a dun on Hellisay, Barra (NF 759040). By Mrs Hill, Castlebay.
22 Animal-headed bone pin from an earth-house on Kerrera, Argyll, (fig 1; T C Lethbridge, *Herdsmen and Hermits*, 1956, 94–5). By Mrs LETHBRIDGE, Ottery St Mary.

![Bone pin from Kerrera, Argyll (scale 1:1)](image)

23 Stone with a face carved on it, from the beach at Portmahomack, Easter Ross. By Mrs J U McCOLL, Edinburgh.

24 A sherd of grass-tempered ware from Dun Domhnuill, Oransay (NR 354889). By Dr K A STEER, F.S.A.SCOT.

25 Sherds of Norse grass-tempered pottery from sand dunes at John o’ Groats, Caithness. By R S MURRAY, Blackburn.

26 A quartz socket stone used on both sides, found in Scone Woods, Perthshire. By R BUTCHART, Scone.

27 Sherds of medieval pottery and a lower quernstone from Markle, East Lothian (*RCAHMS Inventory East Lothian*, No 145). By I KINLOCH, Markle.

28 Silver ring mounted with Egyptian scarab of time of Amenhotep III, found in the grounds of the Cathedral, St Andrews, Fife by the late Professor Sir D’Arcy Wentworth Thompson. By Miss R D’ARCY THOMPSON, Edinburgh.

29 Stocking knife; two spindle whorls (unprovenanced), and three flint scrapers. By J F SCOTT, St Martins.

30 Small ornamental stone mould (c 1700?), from the donor’s garden. By Miss J BLAIR, Edinburgh.

31 Weapons, almost all from the armoury at Castle Grant in Moray, consisting of five 15th- and 16th-century bronze and iron small-bore cannons; thirteen of the 17th-century long guns with curving, fluted, butts peculiar to the Highlands of Scotland, some of outstanding quality; 16 other Scottish, English and European long guns and blunderbusses of 17th- and early
18th-century date; three pairs of all-steel Scottish pistols of heart-butt type, the latest dated 1701; two claymores, nine basket-hilted swords, a small-sword with Edinburgh silver hilt, and a presentation sword 1814; five targes; three pieces of 17th-century armour; various later saddle furniture and other items. Allocated by HM Government after acceptance by the Treasury in lieu of estate duty from the Earl of Seafield.

32 Insignia, silver, etc of the Incorporation of Goldsmiths of Edinburgh; early 19th-century painted silk banner, gonfalon and wooden batons, and bicorn hat worn by their Officer, c 1794; silver - travelling writing set presented to their clerk in 1674 (? by Thomas Cleghorne); a jug with 'Celtic' decoration, by J Crichton, 1883; a standing cup, the assay piece of John Crichton, 1881; decorated box by James Hutton, 1899; a bowl, 1870; a chip decorated bottle with silver mounts, 1883; and 12 spoons, 19th century, probably retained as below standard. By the Incorporation of Goldsmiths of Edinburgh.

33 Brown glazed jar with yellow trailed slip decoration, found under floor boards of donor’s house. By Mrs A Grieve, Haddington, E Lothian.

34 Panel of Ayrshire work motifs for a baby’s robe, uncut. By Mrs W M Hinings, Edinburgh.

35 Facsimile of the papal seal attached to the Bull canonising St John Ogilvie, S J (1978). By W Clark, Glasgow.

36 Small bronze stemmed cup. By Miss Griffin, Edinburgh.

37 Cast iron miniature cannon on its carriage. By Miss Baird, Edinburgh.

38 Golf clubs and balls. By Mrs A Pankridge, Walmer, Kent.


41 String net bag formerly used in the Bank of Scotland (Head Office) for storing gold coins, and four Bank of Scotland £1 notes, 1945 and 1955. By F L Morgan, F.S.A.Scot.

42 Banknotes: Bank of Scotland 21/-, 1817; Royal Bank £1, 1824 (two); all three probably forgeries. Stirling 21/-, 1818; British Linen Co £1, 1859 and 1872; British Linen Bank £1, 1921 and 1934; National Bank £1, 1959. Treasury: 10/- and £1, 1914; £1, 1923 and 10/-, 1927. Bank of England 10/- and £1, 1934. By A Kennedy, F.S.A.Scot.

43 A pair of Blucher boots, found under the boards of the dining room at West Fortune, E Lothian. By H Miller, Drem.

44 Wedding dress and veil worn by a minister’s bride c 1850 (Edinburgh), and an associated letter. By Miss M Greig, Folkestone.

45 Wedding dress of a Galashiels mill girl, early 1850s. By Miss Fox, Galashiels.

46 Collection of costume and soft furnishings c 1830-1900. By Mrs M Bennett, Pittenweem.

47 A linen sheet, part of the providing of the donor’s grandmother, woven from flax grown and spun at Auchieskine, Perthshire. By Miss K R McLaren, Edinburgh.

48 Linen damask towel commemorating the 1887 Jubilee, purchased that year in Glasgow. By Mrs O McC Bell, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

49 Framed woolwork picture showing the concealing of the Honours of Scotland in Kinneff Church in 1652. By the East Lothian Antiquarian and Natural History Society.

50 Collection of costume worn by the donor c 1939-75. By Mrs L C Sykes, Edinburgh.

51–58 Articles of costume. By Miss I G Boley, Edinburgh; Dr J Close-Brooks, F.S.A.Scot; Mrs I Geddes, Aberdeen; J G Jackson, Currie; Mrs I Mackay, Ratho; Miss L Smith, Edinburgh; Miss Spence, Edinburgh; Dr R Waddell, Edinburgh.


62 Book of written knitting patterns and made-up examples, compiled from 1878. By Mrs Munro, Forres.

63 Collection of samples of tartan, mainly by Dalgleish of Selkirk, gathered in the course of business from the early 1950s on. By Stewart Christie & Co, Edinburgh.

64–69 Items of domestic and personal use. By Mrs Brebner, Edinburgh; Mrs C J Burnett, Edinburgh; Mrs A Dorward, Edinburgh; Miss H Jackson, Musselburgh; J Logan, per Mrs O’Connor, Haddington; G Sprott, South Queensferry.

70–71 Razors. By C J Burnett, F.S.A.Scot; Mrs Nicoll, St Andrews.
Early 19th-century wooden framed threshing mill with peg drum from the steading of Clayhills, Balerno, Midlothian. By K and M Thomson, Edinburgh.

Agricultural equipment for field and steading. By Miss J Allan, C.U.K.T., Dunfermline; W K Campbell, F.S.A.Scot; J J Clyde, Edinburgh; DAFS, Edinburgh; T Frame, West Calder; Mrs A Gordon, Lockerbie; W Ingram, Greenbog, Keith; D MacDonald, Edinburgh; R MacPherson, Forfar; Miss N Morrison, Balallan, Lewis; J C Petrie, Keith; J Wallace, Westbank Farm, Tranent; J Weatherston, Dalmeny, Linlithgow.

Two pairs of Highland cattle horns from the Blairdrummond Estate, Perthshire. By D A F Ballingall, Bridge of Allan.

Items commemorating the Turra Coo incident. By Miss E B Paterson, Dundee; A Winton, Auchterless.

Horticultural equipment. By A Barr, Edinburgh; R Macintosh, Edinburgh.

Veterinary instruments. By the late W Findlay, Kippen; Mrs Gordon, Bilston; E Gray, Edinburgh; Dr Hutchison, Musselburgh; the late Professor R G White, Musselburgh.


Joiner’s chest and contents. By J Robertson, Edinburgh.

Tools of trade. By G Horn, Drumblade, Aberdeenshire; Mrs Warsop, Edinburgh.

Porcelain butter ‘show and sale’ dish. By A Lamont, Dunoon.

Domestic and kitchen items. By N Allan, Edinburgh; Miss G Bertram, Innerleithen; I Fleming, Edinburgh; Mr Green, Edinburgh; A Law, Arbuthnot; J Macfarlan, Edinburgh; J McPherson, Edinburgh.

Purchases

Fibre glass cast of St John’s Cross, Iona.

Enamelled bronze plaque, 13th century, from Teampull Bhuirgh, Borve, Benbecula.

The Glenorchy Charmstone, a ridged crystal and coral, set in silver. (C Innes, Black Book of Taymouth, 1855, 346-7.) (Purchased with the aid of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland’s special purchases fund.)

Small bronze cannon with the Arms of Bannatyne of Kames, Bute, 16th century.

Pistol of brass, fishtail butt with wooden stock, signed RA (Robert Allison, Dundee?), dated 1618.

Pistol of steel inlaid with silver, ramshorn butt, with brass barrel, c 1700. (J Drummond, Ancient Scottish Weapons, 1870, pl 26.1.)

Broadsword with elaborate silver hilt by W Scott, Elgin, inscribed ‘Att Huntly Castle . . . 1701. Wonne at King Charles the 2nd’s fare . . . ryders staking crowns which was given to the poore who were obliged to pray that the Monarchie and Royall familie may be lasting and glorious in thes Kingdoms won by Ja:drummond.’ (Purchased with the assistance of the National Art-Collections Scottish Fund and an anonymous gift.)

A dagger, probably Spanish.

Domestic Silver (Edinburgh, unless otherwise stated)

Two-handled spout cup with the Arms of the City of Edinburgh, a prize at Leith races, W Scott 1707; tea service (six pieces) J Ker 1734; cake basket, W Dempster 1757; orange-strainer, P Robertson 1773; all from the Marquess of Lothian’s family silver, Hopetoun House, W Lothian.

Feather-edged soup ladle, A Davie 1773.

Pair of sauce boats, J Hewit 1788.

Chamber candlestick, J McDonald 1801.

Quaich with chased and applied decoration, ‘N & G’ 1814.

Pair of knife rests, A Wilkie 1819.

Three knives and six forks, Queen’s Pattern, J Howden 1820 (blades by Cameron, Dundee, and some Sheffield).

Large table centrepiece, Marshall & Son 1828.

Teaspoon, ‘JD’, Dundee c 1830.

Nutmeg grater, egg-shaped, T & S Robertson 1834.

Teapot, Robb & Whittet 1839.

Teaset (three pieces), John Mitchell, Glasgow 1854.
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Two Communion Cups from Lochwinnoch Parish Church, Ayrshire dated 1756, J Glen, Glasgow.
Collection of costume and textiles from the family of the Earl of Haddington, including French-brocade
dress c 1725, Court dress c 1760, Countesses’ outfit for the Coronation 1821, a Peeresses’ mantle,
and 20 other items; early 18th century embroidered side-saddle cloth, backcloth and holsters.
Shepherd’s plaid from Nairn, early 19th century.
Collection of costume, mainly Victorian whitework.
Linen seller’s printed advertisement, Edinburgh 1847.
Cheval glass, 19th century.
James II penny minted in Aberdeen, found at Cramond.
Two bills of exchange 1653–4, from M Bruce, Edinburgh, paid in rex dollars in Bremen.
Bill of Exchange in favour of the Countess of Cromartie, 1759.
Carron Co unissued note, variable value, c 1800.
Ballendalloch Works, 7 shilling note, 1830.
British Linen Bank cheque 1918.

Banknotes

£1 – Glasgow Ship Bank 1759, Dumfries Commercial Bank 1804, Stornoway unissued 1823,
Dundee Union Bank 1824 (forgery?), Paisley Banking Co (£1.1.0) 1826, Commercial Bank
proof 1854, British Linen Co proof 1855, National Bank 1887, and 17 Scottish notes 1926–68.
Treasury and Bank of England notes, 10/- five, £1 two, £5 one.

Insurance document – Friendly Contributors Edinburgh 1732 for Archibald Shiells, Merchant in Edin-
burgh.

Commemoration silver medal – 18th-century version of Arabella Stewart (?) (Proc Soc Antiq Scot, 106
1974–5, 221–3).
Prize silver medals awarded to M Dunn for cast iron tubbings and an essay on coalmining 1833 and 1834.
Silver dux medal by ‘IS’ (? Perth).
Flute of wood with silver mounts, T Glen c 1840.
Ram’s-head table snuff mull, R H Kirkwood 1883, part of collection of the Incorporation of Goldsmiths
of Edinburgh. (Purchased from the Endowment Fund, including Mrs M E C Grieve’s Bequest.)
Collection of silversmith’s tools and equipment.
Silver castings and some raw silver.
Collection of wood-carving tools.
Examples of plumbers’ materials.
Moulded glass bottle.
Two single-axle horse-drawn carts.
Lister engine, 2-stroke diesel.