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Letters to Donald Whyte from his General Correspondence, 1950-1990.

1. These are outwith letters scattered throughout specific files (envelope and square-out folders, ring binders, lever-arch files, etc), most of which (except for FAMILY PAPERS marked Private) will eventually join this collection, either by gift in his lifetime or by bequest. The present deposit, to be closed for study for 15 years after his death, consists of approximately 1, 525 letters in 30 bundles of 50 and 1 of 25, encased in light-grade manilla envelopes (in some cases two or more items are combined where closely dated and relative, and carbon copies of replies are sometimes enclosed), covering a variety of subjects, but mainly associated with his activities as a local historian (Kirkliston and the old county of West Lothian) and a genealogist of international repute.

## BUNDLES

1.	31 <sup>st</sup> May, 1950 to 26 <sup>th</sup> November, 1953.	1-50.
2.	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 1954 to 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 1954.	51-100.
3.	27 <sup>th</sup> October, 1954, to 12 <sup>th</sup> August, 1955.	101-150.
4.	13 <sup>th</sup> August, 1955, to 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 1956.	151-200.
5.	28 <sup>th</sup> August, 1956, to 26 <sup>th</sup> November, 1958.	201-250.
6.	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 1958, to 24 <sup>th</sup> January, 1962.	251-300.
7.	1 <sup>st</sup> February, 1962, to 1 <sup>st</sup> October, 1964.	301-350.
8.	2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 1964, to 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 1967.	351-400.
9.	24 <sup>th</sup> July, 1967, to 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 1969.	401-450.
10.	7 <sup>th</sup> April, 1969, to 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 1969.	451-500.
11.	1 <sup>st</sup> December, 1969, to 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 1970.	501-550.
12.	7 <sup>th</sup> October, 1970, to 12 September, 1971.	551-600.
13.	11 <sup>th</sup> October, 1971, to 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 1972.	601-650.
14.	12 <sup>th</sup> July, 1972, to 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 1973.	651-700.
15.	24 <sup>th</sup> June, 1973, to 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 1974.	701-750.
16.	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 1974, to 2 <sup>nd</sup> June, 1975.	751-800.
17.	13 <sup>th</sup> June, 1975, to 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 1976.	801-850.
18.	28 <sup>th</sup> February, 1976, to 25 <sup>th</sup> December, 1976.	851-900.
19.	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 1976, to 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 1977.	901-950.
20.	26 <sup>th</sup> September, 1977, to 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 1978.	951-1000.
21.	9 <sup>th</sup> September, 1978, to 12 <sup>th</sup> November, 1979.	1001-1050.
22.	14 <sup>th</sup> November, 1979, to 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 1980.	1051-1100.
23.	14 <sup>th</sup> November, 1980, to 18 <sup>th</sup> December, 1981.	1101-1150.
24.	5 <sup>th</sup> January, 1982, to 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 1982.	1151-1200.
25.	2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 1982, to 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 1983.	1201-1250.
26.	25 <sup>th</sup> May, 1983, to 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 1984.	1251-1300.
27.	10 <sup>th</sup> July, 1984, to 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 1985.	1301-1350.
28.	28 <sup>th</sup> April, 1985, to 4 <sup>th</sup> February, 1986.	1351-1400.

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| 29. | 4 <sup>th</sup> February, 1986, to 8 <sup>th</sup> January, 1987. | 1401-1450. |
| 30. | 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 1987, to 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 1989.   | 1451-1500. |
| 31. | 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 1989, to 26 <sup>th</sup> April, 1990.    | 1501-1525. |
2. Unrestricted access.
1. Manuscript of Donald Whyte's first printed article, 'The Cat-Stane, Kirkliston', which appeared in the West Lothian Courier, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1950.
  2. Original manuscript of Kirkliston: A Short Parish History, by Donald Whyte. Produced for him in mimeographed form by Legerstaffs, Edinburgh, in 1956. Cover illustration (rough proof) by Walter M Brown, Edinburgh, enclosed, also sketches and chapter headings which were stencilled as a sheet, then cut out and grafted to the stencils of the text. A second edition appeared in 1957, and a revised third edition, more fully illustrated, was published in 1975, by the Congregational Board of Kirkliston Parish Church. In 1991 they published an extended new work by Whyte, titled Kirkliston: A Parish History.
  3. 1. Blueprints relating to the architecture of the Romanesque church of Dalmeny, by A J Turner, Edinburgh, 1950-52. (Donald Whyte published six articles on Dalmeny Church in the Linlithgowshire Journal & Gazette, 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1956, titled 'Eight Centuries of History: The Story of Dalmeny').
  4. 1. Account book of George Binnie, Carpenter at Bellsmill, Winchburgh, 1849-82.  
(George Binnie was also Collector for Kirkliston Funeral Society, and that organisation presented him with an ornate (inscribed) silver box, approx 3¼ x 2", in February, 1907).
  2. Four itemised accounts to the Binnie family, who had also a small dairy, by Harry Armour, farmer, NiddryMains, Winchburgh, 1904-18. (The cottage and outbuildings at Bellsmill were demolished in 1963).
  5. 1. Minute Book, with newspaper cuttings pasted in, of Kirkliston Branch of the Scottish Farm Servants' section of the Transport & General Workers' Union. Begins 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1953, and ends abruptly, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1957. Includes Roll of Members, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1956.

6. 1. Original drawing by Walter M Brown, Edinburgh, showing President's Badge of the National & Local Government Officers Association (celebrating 50 years), and to illustrate issue no.25 of NALGO News (December 1955).
2. Copy of drawing by Walter M Brown, of the Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh.
3. Copy of drawing by Walter M Brown, of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, and of the Usher Hall, Edinburgh.

Walter M Brown lived at 82 Ashley Terrace, Edinburgh, and was employed in the City Engineer's Office of the old Edinburgh Town Council. He executed many drawings for the cover of NALGO News. He was also responsible for the drawing of Kirkliston Parish Church, the chapter headings and marginal drawings of Donald Whyte's duplicated booklet, Kirkliston: A Short Parish History, 1956 and 1957. The drawing of the church appeared on the cover of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (1975), and again on the cover of Kirkliston: A Parish History, published in 1991.

#### **ADDENDA**

4. Proof copy of drawing of the Scottish Regalia, drawn by Walter M Brown, for the cover of NALGO News, Issue No.13 (June, 1953).
5. Proof copy of drawing of Kirkliston Parish Church by Walter M Brown, with main title, as illustration for Kirkliston: A Short Parish History, 1956.
7. 1. Repertory of the MacFarlane of MacFarlane Muniments, in the Library of the Royal Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow, compiled by Donald Whyte in 1986, when researching his biographical work, Walter MacFarlane: Clan Chief & Antiquary, published in 1988 by Aberdeen & North East Scotland Family History Society.

Royal Society of Procurators in Glasgow, St James's Place, Glasgow.