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Papers, 1946-1982, of the Reverend Alexander (Sandy) George Somerville (1917-), missionary in Calabar and then Eastern Nigeria, 1942-1970, Staffing Secretary of the Overseas Council, 1970-73, minister at Glenary and Inveraray, 1973-ca.1982. The bulk of the collection relates to A G Somerville's relief work during the Nigeria/Biafra war, 1967-70, particularly in his role as Organising Secretary of the World Council of Churches Refugee Relief, 1969-70.

Deposited, 2002.

The material is arranged as follows:

| | 1-16 | Personal papers |
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| | 17-25 | Other material |
| 1-16 | Personal papers | |
| 1-3 | Letters to A G Somerville. | |
| 1 | 1950, 1951, 1954, 1966, 1967 | |
| 2 | 1969 | |
| 3 | 1970, n.d. | |
| 4 | Letters, 23 June 1969 - 9 June 1970, from Winifred Somerville to her husband A G Somerville, mainly when he was stationed in Eastern Nigeria/Biafra. | |
| 5 | Letters, 23 February 1967-18 February 1969, from Winifred and A G Somerville in Eastern Nigeria/Biafra to Marjorie and Jim Somerville. | |
| 6 | Copy letters, 1969-70, of A G Somerville. | |
| 7 | Circulars from the Overseas Council of the Church of Scotland, 1967-1969, issued by the Reverend Neil C Bernard, concerning Nigeria/Biafra; with other related papers and letters, 1968-69, possibly gathered by Neil Bernard, including a letter from A G Somerville (5 September 1968). There are more letters from Neil Bernard in the general correspondence files, but this material had been filed separately. | |
| 8 | Typescript copies of news and extracts from letters, 1969, written by A G Somerville from Eastern Nigeria/Biafra. Also copies of covering letters as the material was evidently copied and sent on to friends and supporters. | |
| 9 | Papers, including some correspondence and telegrams, mostly relating to the arrangements for the withdrawal of the World Council of Churches' relief workers from Eastern Nigeria/Biafra in January 1970. | |

- 10 Papers and correspondence of A G Somerville, 1970-71, mainly relating to the Conference of British Missionary Societies, 1970.
- 11 Correspondence, notes and other papers, 1977-1982, relating to A G Somerville's ministry at Inveraray and to the parish magazine, 'The Nutshell'.
- 12 Notes, including some drafts for talks and sermons, n.d.
- 13 Two pocket diaries, 1967, 1968-1969, and A G Somerville's Expatriate Church Worker, Biafra, identity card, n.d.
- 14 Photographs, ca.1970, all taken on board a cargo plane probably transporting relief workers and others (?including A G Somerville).
- 15 Miscellaneous papers. Includes a map of Nigeria and proofs of what appears to be part of a history of Church of Scotland missions, covering the Church's work in Nigeria.
- 16 Miscellaneous. Mainly relating to travel; brochures, luggage labels etc.

17-25 Other material

- 17 Circulars, statements, internal communications and other documents, 1966-1970, mainly issued by the Church of Scotland Overseas Council.
- 18 Presbyterian Church of Nigeria: Minutes of Synod, January 1971-July 1976.
- 19 Press releases, February-December, 1969, mainly issued by the Biafran Overseas Press Division of Markpress News Feature Service (Geneva), concerning the Nigeria/Biafra conflict and the resulting refugee crisis and famine.
- 20 Photocopies of two memoranda, 1970, from W F Bulle to Emmanuel O Urhobo, 'Summary of rehabilitation project proposals, Phase I' and 'Summary of rehabilitation projects, Phase II', concerning relief work in Nigeria, with a covering letter.
- 21 Press cuttings, 1935, 1970, n.d.

22-25 Published material

- 22 Church of Scotland, mainly Overseas Council: leaflets, newsletters, 1946-70.
- 23 Church of Scotland: minutes, accounts, standing orders, 1968-1970.

- 24 Material, mainly periodicals, published in the United Kingdom and Europe, 1969-71.
- 25 Nigerian publications, 1960-62.