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Correspondence and papers, 1881-2002, of the St Giles Cathedral Managing Board and of the late Michael E Campbell Penney CA, Edinburgh (d.2003), who was for many years Secretary & Treasurer of the Board.

The Board was established as the "Managing Committee" in 1880 following on the restoration of the High Kirk of St Giles to its original single entity under the auspices of Lord Provost Sir William Chambers: after the Reformation the medieval interior had been divided, and occupied by several (latterly three) congregations. It was given powers to regulate the admission of visitors and the erection of monuments and stained glass windows, and to apply funds in their hand towards the maintenance and improvement of the interior of the Cathedral. In 1911 the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle was erected by Trustees appointed by King George V, added to the fabric of the Cathedral, and its maintenance (with an endowment fund) entrusted to the Board. With the transfer of its remaining funds for the upkeep of the Cathedral buildings to the Kirk Session of the High Kirk (St Giles) in 2000, the Board ceased its activities.

Presented, 2000-1, by Michael C Penney Esq, CA, and, 2003, by J C Penney Esq, Edinburgh.

1-7 MINUTES AND RELATED PAPERS, 1881-2002

1. Minute book of the Board, 1881-90.
2. Minute book, 1890-1902.
3. Minute book, 1902-37.
4. Minute book, 1937-54.
5. Minutes, 1956-96.
6. Copies of minutes, 1956-83, with some related correspondence, 1960-64.
7. Secretary & Treasurer's correspondence on Board business, 1983-2002.

8-17. CASH-BOOKS AND LEDGERS, 1902-65

- 8-12. Cash books, 1902-35, showing income and expenditure of Board funds and annual abstracts of account.
 8. 1902-8.
 9. 1909-12.
 10. 1913-20.
 11. 1921-28.
 12. 1929-35.
13. Ledger of Board accounts (General Fund, Thistle Chapel Endowment Fund, & Pilgrim Trust Fund), 1938-65.
14. Cash Book, 1938-65.

15-17. Account books, 1935-55.

15. 1935-45.

16. 1945-54.

17. 1954-55.

18. Audited annual accounts, 1955-74.

19-29. **CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS**

19. Draft Board minutes (with corrections and amendments), 1954-64.

20. Deeds of agreement, covenant, etc., 1910-60.

21. Board correspondence and papers (including opinions of Counsel), 1912-60.

22. Papers, 1950-64 on the constitution and powers of the Board.

23. Letters and papers relating to relations and responsibilities of the Board and the Kirk Session.

24. A file of papers, 1963, including notes and letters and earlier legal documents on the relationship of the Kirk Session and Board.

25. Architectural plans etc:

(i) Seating plan of St Giles, n.d.

(ii) Drawings (2) by Gordon & Dey, architects, 1959 of existing and proposed new positions of memorial plaques in the Cathedral.

(iii) Four colour photographs of the new West (Burns) stained glass window.

(iv) Letter, 1973, and list of flags in the church conserved by the Board, 1911-57.

26. Papers relating to appointment of a Colleague and Successor to Rev. Dr Charles L. Warr, 1954.

27. Memoranda on problems over St Giles services for Senators of the College of Justice, September 1962 – December 1964.

28. Correspondence relating more generally to arrangements for special services in St Giles, 1962-3.

29. Copies of Rev. Dr Harry C. Whitley's 'Statements of facts' in the case of the Rev. John Tirrell, 1964-6.

30-35. **FINANCIAL PAPERS**

30. Financial correspondence of Secretary/Treasurer, 1975-97.

31. Files of signed-off annual accounts, 1975-96.

32. Annual accounts and reports, 1974-96.
33. Correspondence with the Law Department of the Church of Scotland relating to procedures for the winding-up of the Board, 1998.
34. Vouchers of income and expenditure (including investment income) with some related correspondence.
35. Bank statements, etc., 1982-2000.