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Papers of The Edinburgh Saltire Gaelic Choir

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The Edinburgh Saltire Gaelic Choir is an amalgamation of two long-established Edinburgh choirs: the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir and the Saltire Gaelic Choir, Edinburgh (Coisir Ghaidhlig a'Chrainn (Dun Eideann)). The two were amalgamated in 2001 to form the larger combined choir.

The Edinburgh Gaelic Choir traces its origins to 1908 and the Saltire Gaelic Choir, Edinburgh (known until 1995 as the Dunedin Gaelic Musical Association) to November 1971. A highlight in the history of the Saltire Gaelic Choir was a visit to USA and Canada in 1988 when it took part in the first USA Mod and the 50th anniversary Mod on Cape Breton Island.

The choir holds ceilidhs and other fundraising events every year; these funds are used to enable the choir to travel to, and to compete in, the annual Royal National Mod in October each year.

Deposited 2006.

The collection has been arranged as follows:

- 1-10. Papers of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir
- 11-15. Papers of the Saltire Gaelic Choir, Edinburgh Minutes of the combined choirs, which formed the Edinburgh Saltire Gaelic Choir are included in item 8.

Papers of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir

- 1. Minute book of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1908-1927
- 2. Minute book of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1927-1947 (committee and AGMs)
- 3. Minute book of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1931-1945/46 (committee meetings only)
- 4. Minute book of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1947-1953
- 5. Minute book of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1954-1965
- 6. Minute book of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1965-1974
- 7. Minute book of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1974-1984
- 8. Minute book of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1984-2001 (1994-1997 wanting). Includes minute of an Extraordinary AGM of September 2001, and the minutes of the newly-established joint Edinburgh Saltire Gaelic Choir, 2002-2005
- 9. Incomplete set of AGM and committee minutes of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1994-1997; with some related correspondence, 1987-1995
- 10. Correspondence of and to the President and the Secretary of the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, 1985-2002, with related administrative papers

Papers of the Saltire Gaelic Choir, Edinburgh

11. Minutes of the Saltire Gaelic Choir, Edinburgh (earlier known as the Dunedin Gaelic Musical Association), 1971-2001
12. Administrative papers, mainly concerning the Mod, 1970s-2001; including (i) copies of the Choir's constitution (ii) copy of syllabus and rules for the National Mod, n.d. [?2001] (iii) an introduction to the Gaelic alphabet and its pronunciation (iv) list of the Choir's library
13. Papers relating to adjudication of the Choir at the Mod, 1991-9
14. Advertising matter: flyer inviting membership, poster for a concert, image of clarsach, 1990s
15. Miscellaneous printed matter, mostly concerning the Mod, 1990s-2001

Minutes of the Edinburgh Saltire Gaelic Choir

Note is made that of the minutes of the combined choirs – which formed the Edinburgh Saltire Gaelic Choir – are included in item 8: minutes of the newly-established choir, 2002-2005.