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## **Inventory**

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**Maxwell of Monreith**

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Literary papers, a political notebook and letters, 1884-1937, undated, of Sir Herbert Eustace Maxwell, Politician and Author [1845-1937]. There are also three letters, 1945, undated, to Gavin Maxwell, Naturalist and Author [1914-1969]. The main interest of the papers lies in the manuscripts and proofs of some of Sir Herbert's many literary works.

Herbert Maxwell was educated at Eton and studied at Christ Church, Oxford. A country gentleman and writer, Maxwell succeeded his father becoming 7th Baronet of Monreith in 1877. He was the Conservative MP for Wigtownshire, 1880-1906, and Lord-Lieutenant of Wigtownshire, 1903-1935. Maxwell was Rhind Lecturer in Archaeology at Edinburgh University in 1893 and 1911, and a Lecturer in Scottish History at Glasgow University in 1910. In 1899 he represented the UK at the Congress on the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Berlin. He was chairman of the National Library of Scotland trustees from 1925 to 1932. He was a prolific writer on a wide variety of subjects; his publications include *Studies in the Topography of Galloway*, 1887, *Scottish Land Names*, 1894, *Bruce and the Struggle for Scottish Independence*, 1897, *Memories of the Months*, 1897, *Life of the Duke of Wellington*, 1899, *The Creevey Papers*, 1903, *The Making of Scotland*, 1911, and *Edinburgh: an Historical Study*, 1916.

For other papers of Sir Herbert Maxwell see Acc.7043/HEM/1-44. For family and estate papers of the Maxwells of Monreith see Dep.299 and Accs.7043, 7111, 8816.

*Presented, 2011*

- 1 Correspondence**
- 2 Political papers**
- 3-25 Literary papers**

**1. Correspondence**

- 1 Letters, 1919, 1937, to Sir Herbert Maxwell and three letters, 1945, undated, to Gavin Maxwell  
With undated notes and five unidentified and undated photographs

**2 Political Papers**

- 2 Notebook, 1884, containing drafts of a speech on National Insurance

**3-25 Literary Papers**

Annotated manuscripts and proofs

- 3 *Robert the Bruce and the Struggle for Scottish Independence*, 1897  
Incomplete manuscript of Robert the Bruce, undated

- 4      *The Chevalier of the Splendid Crest*, 1900  
Manuscript, undated, of the Talking Film adaptation of *The Chevalier of the Splendid Crest*, 1900, by Mr Forbes Dawson
- 5      *George Romney*, 1902  
Incomplete manuscript, undated
- 6-10   *A Century of Empire, 1801-1900*, 1909  
Incomplete corrected manuscript, undated, of *A Century of Empire, 1801-1900*, 1909. See Acc.7043 HEM 34 for the manuscript of part of Vol. III
  - 6      Part of Vol. I
  - 7      Part of Vol. I
  - 8      Part of Vol. II
  - 9      Part of Vol. II
  - 10     Part of Vols. II and III
- 11     *Annals of the Scottish Widows' Fund Life Assurance Society during one hundred years, 1815-1914*, 1914  
Corrected manuscript, undated, of *Annals of the Scottish Widows Fund Life Assurance Society during one hundred years*
- 12     *Edinburgh: an historical study*, 1916  
Manuscript, undated, of *Edinburgh: an historical study*
- 13-14   *Memories of the Months*  
Corrected incomplete manuscripts, 1909-1917, undated, probably for *Memories of the Months*
- 15-16   *Flowers: a Garden Notebook with suggestions for growing the choicest kinds*, 1923  
Manuscript, undated, of *Flowers: a Garden Notebook*
  - 15     pp.1-164
  - 16     pp.165-321
- 17-18   *Inter-alia: A Scottish Calendar of Crime and other historical essays*, 1924  
Incomplete manuscripts and proofs of *Inter alia: a Scottish calendar of crime, and other historical essays*, 1924
- 19      *Wild sports and natural history of the Highlands / by Charles St John; with an introduction and notes by Sir Herbert Maxwell*, 1927  
Notes on Charles St John, undated, for Herbert Maxwell's introduction to *Wild Sports and natural history of the Highlands*, 1927
- 20      *The Place names of Galloway. Their origin and meaning considered*, 1930  
Correspondence and reviews, 1930-1937, concerning *The Place Names of Galloway*

- 21      *Evening Memories*, 1932  
Corrected manuscript, undated, possibly of *Evening Memories*
- 22-25   Articles, addresses and lectures  
Incomplete manuscripts and proofs of articles, addresses and lecture,  
undated
- 22      Scottish historical topics including 'Chronica de Mailros', 'The Feuds  
of the Kennedys', and 'John Knox'
- 23      English and British historical topics including 'The Tower of London',  
'A French Émigré' in England, 1810-1811, 'The Foreign Policy of  
Great Britain since the Reform Act of 1832', and 'Isaak Walters', 1924
- 24      'Aberdeen', 'Nesting Boxes', 'The Supposed Fascination of Birds',  
'Games' and 'Personal Names'
- 25      'Names of Places', 'Sir Robert Wilson', 'Springtide in Montenegro',  
'Acajou and Tilbride' and 'Fishery Reform'