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Papers of Rosemary Hall

1947-2010

7 sections (16 items)

Hall, Rosemary (1925-2011), politician

Rosemary Hall was born on 22nd April 1925 in Aberdeen. She spent her early life in Montrose where her father and uncle ran the family salmon fishing business. Hall began her schooling in Montrose. However, the outbreak of the war caused interruption and her school was evacuated to Speyside. She began her working life as a PA to a partner in a firm of accountants in Edinburgh. Although Hall gave up her job after marriage, she did not stop working; she was against nuclear power in all forms and campaigned against the building of Torness Nuclear Power station. Hall joined the Scottish National party in 1965 and was selected by the then Party Chairman William Wolfe to honorary duties, eventually becoming National Organising Secretary. Hall organised the charter of the famous Tartan Express to commemorate Winnie Ewing winning the Hamilton seat at Westminster in 1967. She also served as National Secretary for the SNP for a short time. Aside from her political beliefs, she was strongly religious; she and her husband were strong members of the congregations of several parishes as well as being strong members within their communities. Hall also served the Church at both the presbytery and the national level, taking on the role of moderator for a year. She was also a strong supporter of many charities including Christian Aid, Amnesty International as well as many children's and animal charities.

This material was consolidated by Rosemary Hall and donated to the National Library of Scotland after her death.

The material consists largely of material detailing Hall's political career. However, there are also some of her personal papers present. The papers cover her long career with the Scottish National Party and the various committees she was involved in. As National Secretary of the party a large portion of the material consists of minutes and notes taken at various meetings including the Scottish National Assembly as well as the Transition to Independence Group. A section of the material also covers the opening of the new Scottish Parliament in 1999.

No further accruals are expected.

The papers arrived in no specific order therefore the following arrangement has been imposed:

- 1 Personal and Family Papers, 1954-2010
- 2-8 SNP- including a section on Poll Tax and the 'anti poll tax' campaign, 1969-2009
- 9 Scottish National Assembly, 1947-1954
- 10-11 Scottish Covenant Association, 1950-1961
- 12-13 Transition to Independence, 1995-1996
- 14 Opening of the Scottish Parliament, 1999
- 15 News Cuttings, 1954-2010
- 16 Publications, 1988-1998

Access to the material is unrestricted.

All material is in English.

A full inventory list is available upon request. An electronic copy is also available through the National Library of Scotland catalogues online webpage.

The originals of the material are located in the National Library of Scotland Manuscripts division.

Collection and series level descriptions compiled based on ISAD(G) regulations.

Presented, through the good offices of Dr Gordon Wilson, March 2014.

1 Personal and family Papers, 1953-2010

Papers regarding Hall's personal and family life, which include correspondence, handwritten notes by Hall as well as details of remembrance services and tributes for some of her colleagues. Papers also include a cassette and sheet music written as a tribute to Billy Wolfe, c.1953-2010.

2-8 Scottish National Party, circa 1969-2009

2 SNP committee meetings notes plus details of members. Includes:

- (i) Four Blue 'Speedy' Reporters Notebooks- contains detail on various meetings etc. Mostly written in short hand by Rosemary Hall, undated.
- (ii) Red Bound Notebook entitled 'constituency book' - contains the Names and Addresses of all Office bearers in every Branch. Office Bearers are listed under their constituency with a full index at the back. Book also Contains lists of members of various committees such as the National and the Executive committees, undated.

3 Correspondence between Hall and other members of the SNP regarding her role in the party as well as papers relating to her application for motor fuel rations, 1969-2007.

- 4 Papers relating to the administrative structure of the SNP. Including various drafts of the SNP's constitution and copies of the rules of the party. This file also includes Hall's 'Tartan Express Ticket' which she rode to London with other SNP supports to celebrate Winnie Ewing becoming MP for Hamilton, 1963-1985.
- 5 Papers relating to the Commission of Enquiry. Including the reports of the commission and the notes taken at the subsequent meetings after the report was issued, 1985.
- 6 SNP Parliamentary By-Election Procedures. Includes drafts of the By-election procedures with various amendments, as well as parliamentary organisation guides. The material also contains memorandums and correspondence regarding the procedures, c.1968.
- 7 Papers relating to the Scottish National Party poll tax campaign, including publications produced by various local councils as well as an official publication by the Scottish Office. The material also contains documents relating to the SNP anti-poll tax campaign including leaflets and publications, c.1989.
- 8 Miscellaneous items regarding the SNP, including a polling card for Rosemary Hall for the European parliamentary election as well as a publication by the Scottish Churches parliamentary office, c.2007-2009.

9 Scottish National Assembly, 1947-1954

Documents regarding the Scottish National Assembly which include papers detailing the various bodies and delegates of the National Assembly. The file also contains hand-written notes of Rosemary Hall, regarding meetings of the Scottish National Assembly, as well as a draft petition to be sent to King George VI which was to be approved by the National Assembly regarding the implementation of a Scottish Parliament, 1947-1951.

10-11 Scottish Covenant Association, 1950-1961

- 10 Minutes and Documents relating to the Scottish Covenant Association.
 - (i) Notes taken from committee meetings etc, 1950-1953.
 - (ii) Notes Taken from Committee meetings etc, 1954 onwards.
- 11 Account books 1943-1961. Scottish Convention balance sheets plus Income and expenditure accounts dated 1943- 1961. Reports compiled by John Grant & Co Chartered Accountants, Glasgow.

12-13 Transition to Independence working Group, 1995-1996

- 12 Notes and documents relating to the transition to independence working group, including correspondence between members as well as reports and briefing papers, 1995-1996.
- 13 Transition to Independence Working Group notes including those taken at committee meetings and their transcriptions.

14 Opening of the Scottish Parliament, 1999

Documents relating to the opening of the new Scottish Parliament. Includes an invite addressed to Rosemary Hall to attend the opening ceremony of the Scottish Parliament as well as the official opening ceremony programme, 1999.

15 News Cuttings, 1954-2010

Press Cuttings. Includes articles detailing the issue of independence in Scotland and in Spain as well as details of the call for a plebiscite to recall the Scottish Parliament, c.1954-2010.

16 Publications, 1988-1998

Includes:

- (i) 'Catalyst' magazine December 1967 Issue
- (ii) 'Catalyst' Magazine Summer 1968 Issue
- (iii) 'Catalyst' Magazine Autumn 1968 Issue
- (iv) 'Catalyst' Magazine Spring 1969 Issue
- (v) 'Catalyst' Magazine Summer 1969 Issue
- (vi) 'Catalyst' Magazine Autumn 1969 Issue
- (vii) 'Catalyst' Magazine Spring 1970 Issue
- (viii) 'Catalyst' Magazine Winter 1970 Issue
- (ix) 'Catalyst' Magazine Spring 1971 Issue
- (x) 'Catalyst' Magazine Winter 1971 Issue (2 copies)
- (xi) The Ayrshire Post Burns Bi-centenary Review.
- (xii) Radical Scotland publication- October/November 1988 issue, includes an article on the Poll Tax issue.

- (xiii) Publication endorsing John Swinney's campaign to become National Convener.
- (xiv) SNP Publication relating to the special conference held in Perth 5-6th June 1998.