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1976-2001

7 Sections (79 items)

Paul Henderson Scott was born and educated in Edinburgh, attending Edinburgh's Royal High School and then moving on to study at Edinburgh University. It was at university that he first became involved with the Saltire Society. Shortly after this Scott was called up to serve in World War Two. He began his training as an army officer driving a lorry. However, through contact with diplomats from the foreign office he decided to take the examination and soon became a diplomat. A long diplomatic career followed after this where he served on the front line in Cuba during the Cuban Missile crisis in 1963. Although away from Scotland, he never lost touch with his native land or the Saltire Society. Since his return to Scotland in 1986 Scott has led an extremely full career as an active member of both the Saltire Society and the Scottish National Party. Scott was partly responsible for the advent of the Saltire Book Award, which supports Scottish authors who focus on the topic of Scotland. Scott eventually rose through the ranks of the Society and became president. Scott was also spokesperson for the SNP as well as holding the position of Rector of Dundee University in 1989. Alongside his political career, Scott has also published several cultural and political works about Scotland, including, *Scotland Resurgent* (2003), *Towards Independence* (1990) and 'A Scottish Postbag' (1986).

The material was consolidated by Paul Henderson Scott and donated to the National Library of Scotland.

The material reflects the long and varied career of Paul Henderson Scott. The papers document his efforts in the Saltire Society including his work with the Saltire publishing committee. A large section of the material is devoted to his vast array of literary works. The papers include various drafts of his works such as *A Nation Again* (2001) and *Spirits of the Age* (2005). The papers also include detail on collections edited by Paul Henderson Scott as well as Saltire Pamphlets written by him. The material also reflects Scott's attempts to maintain Scotland's cultural history, such as his work to keep the National Portrait Gallery open in 1993 as well as his involvement in the Edinburgh International Festival in 1991.

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

**1-13 Saltire Society, 1978-2009**

**14-44 Books written or edited by P.H. Scott, 1976-2001**

**45-53 Other literary works by P.H. Scott, 1995-2006**

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**57-59 Literary Societies, 1986-2010**

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**66-79 Miscellaneous, 1982-2007**

Access to the material is unrestricted.

All material is in English with the exception of file 67 which contains some material in Italian.

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.

### 1-13 Saltire Society, 1978-2009

- 1 File contains material relating to the Saltire Self Portrait publications; Number one was written by Henry Stamper on Hugh MacDiarmid entitled *Between the Wars*. Papers include drafts of the publication as well as publications and poster promoting both Henry Stamper and the life of Hugh MacDiarmid. Also included is a cassette recording of 'Man of Letters' as well as the production of 'Between the wars', 1978.
- 2 Papers relating to the saltire festival held in 1981. The festival contained readings from Robert Ferguson and Robert Garioch read by various members of the Saltire Society. The papers include drafts of the programme, which was compiled by Paul Henderson Scott, 1981.
- 3 File contains a copy of the Saltire Society pamphlet entitled *Why Gaelic Matters*, written by Derick Thomson, 1984.
- 4 File contains a copy of the Saltire Society pamphlet entitled, *Robert the Bruce and the Scottish Identity*, written by Geoffrey Barrow, 1984.
- 5 File contains material relating to the publication of Saltire Society pamphlets entitled, *The Auld Alliance; The Franco-Scottish Connection*, written by Gordon Donaldson. Papers include drafts and notes made on the publication, 1985.
- 6 Papers relating to the Saltire Society book awards held in 1995. Papers include lists of nominations, news releases and correspondence, 1995.
- 7 Material relating to the publishing side of the Saltire Society. Items include correspondence between members, notes taken at the various committee meetings as well as discussions about future publications, 2002-2003.
- 8 Papers relating to the Saltire Society publication committee including committee meeting notes and talks about publications, 2004-2005.
- 9 Papers relating to the Saltire Society publication committee, including committee meeting notes and talks about publications, 2006-2007.
- 10 Papers relating to the Saltire Society publication committee, including committee meeting notes and talks about publications, 2008.
- 11 File contains material relating to the Saltire Society's translation and publication of George Buchannan's *De Jure Regni apud Scotos*. The finished article was published in 2006.

- 12 File contains material relating to the Saltire Society council. The papers consist of the correspondence between members regarding strategies as well as correspondence with local authorities. The material also consists of correspondence regarding events organised by the Saltire Society, 2006-2009.
- 13 Material relating to the Saltire Society council. The papers consist of the minutes of the various meetings held by the Saltire Society council. The file also contains information regarding membership subscriptions, 2006-2009.

#### **14-44 Books written or edited by P.H. Scott, 1976-2011**

- 14 File contains material relating to Paul Henderson Scott's book *Towards Independence: Essays on Scotland*. Papers include drafts of articles to be included in the book as well a pamphlet produced by Scott and the Saltire Society entitled *In Bed with an Elephant: The Scottish Experience*, 1976-1990.
- 15 File contains material relating the book written by Paul Henderson Scott, entitled, *Walter Scott and Scotland* (1981) Papers include various handwritten and typed notes and drafts on chapters, c.1980-1981.
- 16 Papers include further drafts and notes relating to the publication of *Walter Scott and Scotland*, 1980-1981.
- 17 File contains material relating to the Saltire Society publication of *In bed with an Elephant: The Scottish Experience* written by Paul Henderson Scott, which is a study of the relations between Scotland and England. Papers include drafts of the publication, c.1985.
- 18 File contains material relating to a book compiled by Paul Henderson Scott and George Bruce entitled, *The Scottish Postbag* (1986). The book comprises of various letters written by the many leading figures in Scottish history. Papers include various items of correspondence regarding entries in the book as well as correspondence between Scott and the publisher, 1985-1985.
- 19 Papers contain various copies of the letters chosen to appear in *The Scottish Postbag*, 1985-1986.
- 20 File contains copies of draft chapters of *The Scottish Postbag* as well as a full draft, 1985-1986.
- 21 Material relating to the possible publication of a sequel to the book-*A Scottish Postbag*, edited by Paul Henderson Scott. Papers include correspondence about the topic as well as drafts of potential pages, c.1988.

- 22 File contains material relating to the book written by Paul Henderson Scott entitled, *Defoe in Edinburgh and other papers*, (1995). The book encompasses a selection of essays which cover a broad range of topics in Scottish history. Papers include correspondence relating to the book as well as draft chapters. The file also contains the article written by Scott entitled, *Cultural Independence*, c. 1989-1995.
- 23 Papers include a large portion of a proof copy of Scott's *Defoe in Edinburgh and Other papers*, 1995.
- 24 File contains material relating to the book edited by Paul Henderson Scott entitled, *Scotland: A concise cultural history* (1993). Papers Include various drafts and notes of chapters, c.1990-1993.
- 25 Material relating to *Scotland: A concise Cultural History* with particular relation to the illustrations published in the book. The papers include correspondence and notes about the illustrations as well as copies of some, c.1990-1993.
- 26 Papers relating to *Scotland: A concise Cultural History*, including full proofs of the book before it was published, 1993.
- 27 File contains material relating to the publication of the biographical piece by Scott entitled, *Andrew Fletcher and the Treaty of Union* (1994). Papers include notes taken during the writing of the book as well as notes taken at the meetings of the Andrew Fletcher society, c.1897-1994.
- 28 Papers include notes of references for each chapter of the Andrew Fletcher publication as well as photocopies of source material, c.1987-1994.
- 29 Papers include handwritten notes on each chapter of the Andrew Fletcher Publication, c.1987-1994.
- 30 File contains a full draft of *Andrew Fletcher and the Treaty of Union*, c.1990-1994.
- 31 File contains a full draft of *Andrew Fletcher and the Treaty of Union*, c.1990-1994.
- 32 File contains a full draft of *Andrew Fletcher and the Treaty of Union*, c.1990-1994.
- 33 File contains material relating to another one of Paul Scott's books entitled, *Scotland: "An Unwon Cause"*. The file contains the full drafts of each chapter as well as some notes, c.1997.
- 34 File contains material relating to the book written by Paul Henderson Scott entitled, *Scotland Resurgent*, papers include full drafts of the chapters included in the book, 2003.

- 35 File contains materials relating to the publication of the *Spirits of the Age* book edited by Paul Henderson Scott. The file contains draft chapters and correspondence between Henderson and the various authors contributing to the autobiographical piece in chapters 1-6, 2004-2005.
- 36 File contains draft chapters and correspondence between Paul Henderson Scott and the various authors contributing to the autobiographical piece in chapters 7-12, 2004-2005.
- 37 File contains draft chapters and correspondence between Paul Henderson Scott and the various authors contributing to the autobiographical piece in chapters 13-16, 2004-2005.
- 38 File contains draft chapters and correspondence between Paul Henderson Scott and the various authors contributing to the autobiographical piece in chapters 18-22, 2004-2005.
- 39 File contains draft chapters and correspondence between Paul Henderson Scott and the various authors contributing to the autobiographical piece in chapters 23-26, 2004-2005.
- 40 File contains draft chapters and correspondence between Paul Henderson Scott and the various authors contributing to the autobiographical piece in chapters 27-30, 2004-2005.
- 41 File contains correspondence relating to the publication of *Spirits of the Age*. Papers include correspondence between author and editor as well as drafts and comments on the introduction, 2005.
- 42 Miscellaneous material relating to the *Spirits of the Age* book. File contains duplicates of correspondence, photocopies of chapters and other papers, 2004-2005.
- 43 File contains material relating to the book *A Nation Again*, a book with various contributions edited by Paul Henderson Scott regarding the issue of Scottish Independence. Papers contain correspondence and drafts of the chapters within the book, 2010-2010.
- 44 File contains a full hard copy of *A Nation Again*, 2010-2011.

#### **45-53 Other literary works by P.H. Scott, 1995-2006**

- 45 File contains material relating to the Elderhostel visits which took place in Edinburgh. These visits included lectures and trips relating to the history of Scotland, Paul Scott was the course coordinator. Papers include details of the visits, 1995-1996.

- 46 Material consists of information about the Elderhostel visits that occurred in Edinburgh, 1997.
- 47 Material consists of information about the Elderhostel visits that occurred in Edinburgh, 1998-1999.
- 48 Material consists of information about the Elderhostel visits that occurred in Edinburgh, 1999-2000.
- 49 File contains to material relating to Paul Henderson Scott's work as an external examiner for Newbattle Abbey College for the module entitled, *Theory and Practice of Scottish Nationalism*. The paper contains correspondence and notes made by Henderson relating to the pupils on that module, 1997-c.1999.
- 50 File contains material relating to the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. Material consists of drafts of entries given written for the Oxford Dictionary on National Biography. The two entries focus on George Bruce and John Galt. The material contains drafts of the entries, correspondence relating to the entries as well as copies of the finished entry, 1997-2008.
- 51 File contains book reviews written by Paul Henderson Scott. Scott wrote reviews for many historic and political works, 2000-2004.
- 52 File contains the various articles written by Paul Henderson Scott during 2001-2002. The articles relate mostly to the politics of Scotland as well as the history of Scotland; includes a paper written by Scott for a conference on Scottish Governance entitled 'Does Independence mean much in an interdependent world' (2002), 2001-2002.
- 53 File contains the various articles written by Paul Henderson Scott during 2003-2006 as well as lectures given by him as well as related newspaper articles written by others. Material also consists of articles written by Scott in reply to other writers. The articles largely relate to the political system of Scotland as well as the history of the Union between Scotland and England and the implications it had, 2003-2006.

**54-56 SNP, 1988-1992**

- 54 File contains material relating to the Scottish National Party; it includes detail on their arts policy as well as the raising of funds for elections. Papers include correspondence as well as notes taken at committee meetings etc., 1998-1999.

- 55 File contains material relating to the Scottish National Party regarding their recent appointments. Papers include press releases and correspondence regarding the appointment of spokespersons and cabinet assistants, 1998-1999.
- 56 File contains material relating to the Scottish National Party- miscellaneous documents including correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to the arts as well as other topics, 1991-1992.

#### **57-59 Literary Societies, 1986-2010**

- 57 Material relating to the Robert Louis Stevenson Club, papers include correspondence and newsletters, 1986-2006.
- 58 File contains further material relating to the Robert Louis Stevenson Club of which Paul Henderson Scott was chairman for a period. Papers include correspondence between members, newsletters, details of events as well as information regarding committee meetings and other related papers, 2007-2009.
- 59 File contains material relating to the Edinburgh Walter Scott Committee. The Papers consist of correspondence between members, financial reports, notes taken at committee meetings as well notice of events and press releases, 2000-2010.

#### **60-65 Scottish cultural events and institutions, 1991-2005**

- 60 File contains material relating to the Edinburgh International Festival in 1991. Papers include newspaper cuttings regarding the event, correspondence as well as leaflets, 1991.
- 61 'Auld Reekie'- file contains material relating to the programme compiled by Paul Henderson Scott for the Edinburgh International Festival in 1991. The programme was entitled 'Edinburgh in words and music', papers contain items of research done by Scott as well as notes and draft of the programme, c.1990-1991.
- 62 Material relating to the Scots language resource centre. Includes newsletters and correspondence, 1992-1993.
- 63 File contains material relating to the opening of the Scottish National theatre. The papers include, correspondence, leaflets and newspaper cuttings relating to the challenges faced before the Scottish National Theatre was opened, 1996-2006.
- 64 File contains material relating to the memorialisation of Scottish writers at Makars court in Edinburgh. The papers include detail on the writers being commemorated as well as the events thrown to celebrate. There is also a

large portion of correspondence which contains suggestions as to which writers should be included, 1998-2006.

- 65 Material relating to the refurbishment of the Scottish Story telling centre which includes the option to name a seat in dedication to a Scottish pioneer, includes, correspondence and publications, 2004-2005.

#### **66-79 Miscellaneous, 1982-2009**

- 66 Miscellaneous file containing various pamphlets, newsletters and correspondence relating to new organisations. The file contains material relating to organisations such as the Scottish Review, Museum of Scotland and the Munro Society, 1982-2003.
- 67 File contains material relating to a symposium held in Lucca in 1991. Papers include leaflets and correspondence. (Some material is in Italian), 1991.
- 68 File containing miscellaneous documents relating to Scotland position in Europe. Papers include press cuttings and reports, 1991.
- 69 File contains material relating to the issue of Scotland's independence and her place in Europe. Papers include newspaper cuttings alluding to the fact that the potential wealth of Scotland was hidden as well as statistical reports, c.1992-2005.
- 70 File contains material relating to the opening of the Scottish Parliament in 1999 and the literary theme present. The material also contains detail on how literature was encompassed in the new parliament building including the decision to include quotes on the walls of the parliament building, as well as detail about how the quotes were chosen, 1999-2006.
- 71 Material relating to the Scottish self-government college whose aim was to enhance strategy development and negotiation skills in light of the opening of the new Scottish Parliament. Papers include correspondence and notes on the content offered by the college, 2009.
- 72 File contains the miscellaneous personal correspondence of Paul Henderson Scott. Correspondence includes that between Scott and personal friends as well as academic correspondence and correspondence between Scott and Alex Salmond, MP, 2002-2006.
- 73 File contains various items of miscellaneous correspondence both to and from Paul Henderson Scott in relation to various topics, 2006-2009.
- 74 Material relating to the cross party group on the Scots Language. Papers include notes taken at committee meetings, publications, correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to the attempts of the group to promote the cause of the Scots and the Scots language, 2002-2006.

- 75 File contains material relating to the publication of a new newspaper entitled the *Scottish Standard*. The publication was headed by Derek Carstairs who was the owner of Flagship media. The file contains correspondence regarding the paper as well as newspaper cuttings about the publication and its eventual downfall, 2003-2005.
- 76 File contains the paper entitled, '*A case to answer, A first report on the potential impeachment of the Prime Minister for High Crimes and Misdemeanours in relation to the invasion of Iraq*, 2004.
- 77 File contains correspondence between Paul Henderson Scott and James Wilkie as well as the Scotland-UN committee, c.1990-2009.
- 78 File contains material relating to the Calman commission in 2009. File includes correspondence regarding the commission, newspaper cuttings and the summary of the final report made by the commission on Scottish devolution, 2009.
- 79 File contains correspondence between Sinclair Mclay and Paul Henderson Scott in relation to a proposal put forward by Mclay regarding a film about Andrew Fletcher, undated.