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Papers, 1913-62, of Richard James McLeish (1894-1965), surveyor for H.M. Customs and Excise, writer and poet.

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1-4	POEMS
5-9	OTHER WRITINGS
10	PUBLICATIONS
11-13	CORRESPONDENCE
14	MISCELLANEOUS

1. Short poems and drafts. MS and typescript, 1913-[?1950s].
2. Longer poems. MS and typescript, n.d.
3. Notebook containing the MS of a long poem, pencilled title 'The Journey of a Day', n.d.
4. Notebook containing drafts of poems, the beginning of a play script, and other writings, n.d.
5. Short stories and other prose writings. MS and typescript, n.d.
6. School jotter, originally belonging to McLeish's son, containing MS of a short story, [?ca.1930s].
7. Play script, 'Coward's way out'. Typescript, n.d.
8. Essay on G K Chesterton. Typescript and MS notes, n.d.
9. Non-fiction writings: a travel reminiscence; an address to a Townswomens' Guild; an essay on poetry. Typescript, n.d.
10. Cuttings from *The Scots Magazine*, *The Sunday Post*, *G K's Weekly* and an unidentified publication, 1926-29, n.d. containing published poems and articles by McLeish.
11. Letters (2) on literary matters, of Neil Gunn, 1937, n.d.
12. Pocket book containing photographs of McLeish and his family; 2 letters of McLeish (?to his wife, Mary Kate Finlayson), n.d.; a letter from Customs and Excise on the occasion of his retirement, 1959; MS note giving brief details and dates of McLeish's life.

13. Letters (4) from *The Scotsman*, *The London Mercury* and *The Scots Magazine* relating to items submitted for publication, 1928, 1931-2, 1959.
14. 'Poems and ballads' by John Blackford. Typescript with some MS amendments, n.d.