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Personal papers and photographs, c 1880-1991, of and relating to Helen Mary Baker (1908-1988), missionary in Rajputana from 1933-1937. This material formed the research basis from which Helen Baker's friend, Margaret Foster, wrote the unpublished biography included in the collection. Some of the correspondence and photographs have been arranged and annotated by Margaret Foster.

*Presented, 1991*

The collection is arranged as follows

1-4	Correspondence
5-6	Personal papers
7-8	'Life of Helen M Baker'
9-18	Photographs and slides

#### **1-4 Correspondence**

- 1 Letters, 1933-1944. The majority are to and from Helen Baker's parents, Harry E Baker (d 1944) and Mary, née Phillips (d 1937).
- 2 Letters and greeting cards, 1979-1990, from members of Helen Baker's family. From late 1988 the letters are to Margaret Foster, largely relating to her work on the biography.
- 3 Correspondence, 1964-1991, which Margaret Foster had sorted into the following correspondents:
  - the family of Hunter of Hunterston, 1964-1989
  - Nancy Lister, 1983-1990
  - Wilfred Dowson, 1979-1990
  - Ann and Rev Michael Barden, 1984-1990
  - Ida Olbano, 1980-1991
  - Belle, Helen and Ruby Alexander, 1983-1991
- 4 Correspondence, 1972-1989, from various friends to Helen Baker and Margaret Forster.

#### **5-6 Personal papers**

- 5 Notebooks. Includes music notebooks; lecture notes (1931-1932) from St Colm's (Church of Scotland women's missionary college attended by Helen Baker); travel journals: Austria (1967), Switzerland (1968) and Wolfenshiessen (undated).
- 6 Miscellaneous papers. Includes baptismal certificate, booklets produced as school work; education certificates; passport (1965-1970); humorous verses, 1945-1955, written by Helen Baker and friends; an extract from Helen Baker's diary, 24 December 1981-1 January 1982; ms (1966) of a report on Braeburn House (an Eventide Home where Helen Baker was matron in the 1960s); Margaret Foster's research notes relating to Helen Baker's time at St

Colm's, 1930-1933; certificate, 1937, for lair in Paisley Cemetery bought by Harry Baker at the time of his wife's death.

**7-8 'Life of Helen M Baker'**

- 7 Manuscript draft of an unpublished biography, 'Life of Helen M Baker', by her friend Margaret Foster, with family trees of the Baker and Phillips families.
- 8 Corrected typescript of an unpublished biography, 'Life of Helen M Baker', by her friend Margaret Foster

**9-18 Photographs and slides**

- 9 Family photographs, c1880-1925
- 10 Photograph album. ?late 1920s, family and various places in Scotland and England including Orkney, Border abbeys, Isle of Man. Landscape sketch by Harry Baker (HB's father) in envelope, loosely inserted.
- 11 Photograph album. St Colm's, c1931-1932
- 12 Photographs, mainly of India, 1930s
- 13 Photograph album. India, 1933-1937
- 14 Photographs, c1965-1985, mainly of social gatherings.
- 15 35mm slides. Scotland and England, c1959-1973
- 16 35mm slides. 'Braeburn, Hunterston & Ladyland': Scotland, c1956-1979
- 17 35mm slides. 'Holidays Europe': Germany, Switzerland and Brussels, c1963-1968
- 18 35mm slides. 'Garmish 1965, Fieberbrun 1967': [Germany, Austria]