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The Henderson Memorial Library is the collection of Thomas Henderson, BSc, FRSE, FEIS (died 1941), General Secretary of the Educational Institute of Scotland from 1926 to 1941. The library originally contained some 800 books relating to the history of the United States of America and was presented to the Institute by Henderson's widow in 1947. Thereafter the collection was supplemented with purchases made by, and gifts to, the EIS. The collection of printed books was presented to the National Library of Scotland, with these working papers of the library, in September 1976.

The arrangement of this small collection is chronological, as far as possible, from item no.3 onwards.

### **Volumes 1-2**

1. Three copies of the printed *Catalogue of the Henderson Memorial Library of Books on America* (Educational Institute of Scotland, 1947). The hard-bound copy contains a tribute to Thomas Henderson by Dr George Pratt Insh (d. 1956).  
(1 hard-bound & 2 paper-bound volumes)
2. Henderson Memorial Library: Books on loan. A few entries for 1955-7. A 'Collins Three Day Royal Diary 1954' has been used as the register.  
(1 hard-bound volume)

### **Files 3-11**

3. Lists of desiderata and recommendations for acquisition, 1944-6. Included is a typescript paper by D W Brogan 'Historical Revisions: LIII. The Origins of the American Civil War', n.d.
4. MS and TS versions of a tribute to Thomas Henderson by Dr George Pratt Insh (d. 1956) for inclusion in the printed *Catalogue of the Henderson Memorial Library of Books on America* (Educational Institute of Scotland, 1947) (see item no.1 of this collection), with accompanying letter, 1946.  
(1 file)
5. An original file on two distinct subjects; both concern the earlier period of the Henderson library in the 1940s:
  - (1) Correspondence, principally between the EIS and Dr George Pratt Insh (d. 1956), relating to the publication of the catalogue of the Henderson Memorial Library, 1945-7 (see item no.1 of this collection)

- (2) Correspondence relating to requests to borrow books from the library and other administrative matters concerning the early history of the collection after its being bequeathed to the EIS, 1941-5. (1 folder containing 2 separate files)
6. A general file of correspondence and other administrative papers. The file comprises inter alia:
  - (1) Working papers (invitation lists, guests' travel arrangements etc., typescript record of the proceedings) relating to the formal opening of the Henderson Memorial Library at EIS Headquarters, April 1947.
  - (2) List of copies of the *Catalogue* given to Mrs Henderson, 1947.
  - (3) List of copies of the *Catalogue* given to various recipients upon its publication, 1947.
  - (4) Correspondence relating to loans, 1947-55.
  - (5) Miscellaneous internal memoranda of the section of the EIS which administered the library, 1940s-50s.
  - (6) A collection of 5 postcards of American sites "brought back by Mr Henderson from America "associated with the American Civil War.
7. Correspondence relating to books on loan from the library, 1947-61.
8. Correspondence with George S Isac, Grimsby, concerning loans from the library, 1951-55.
9. A type-script list of 'Recent Additions to the American Library', with the stamp of the 'United States Library, Edinburgh', January 1954.
10. Correspondence and other administrative papers concerning (1) repair and rebinding of the collection (2) additions to the collection, 1954-7.
11. Correspondence between the Scottish Central Library, Edinburgh, and the Henderson Memorial Library, 1958, together with the printed annual report of the Scottish Central Library for the year ended 31 March 1957.