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Papers of John Cranna, fl.1937-fl.1953, secretary of the Western Divisional Council of the Scottish Unionist Association

The National Union of Conservative Associations for Scotland was founded in 1882, and with the amalgamation of the Conservative and Liberal Unionist parties in 1912, the Scottish Unionist Association was formed. Glasgow was part of the Western Division of the Association. In 1899, Lewis Shedden was appointed Secretary for the Western Divisional Committee which became the Western Divisional Council in 1909. Shedden was appointed a CBE in 1920 and knighted in 1929. John Cranna was personal assistant to Lewis Shedden from 1937 and took over from Shedden as Secretary when he died in 1941.

1. Correspondence file on candidates for civil honours, 1951-1960.
2. Speech of John Cranna to the Dumfries Women's meeting, 17 March 1960 (2 copies, typescript and carbon).
Various fragmentary typescripts on the history of the Unionist Party in the West of Scotland and other source material, including letters.
Typescript: "The Unionist Party Organization in Scotland". Signed PJB [Sir Patrick Blair?]. Dated October 1960.
Sir Lewis Shedden's typescripts for the unpublished history of the Western Divisional Council of the National Union of Scottish Conservative Associations, from 1882 to 1918, based on party minute books. 2 variant copies.
Sir Lewis Shedden's notes on the first six Presidents of the Glasgow Unionist Association.
Corrected typescript about the Peel Banquet, Sir Robert Peel, and Peel's visit to Glasgow, 1837.
3. File on the presentation made to Sir Lewis Shedden, CBE, on his retirement, 1937-38.