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William K. Archibald briefly joined the SNP in 1954. Shortly afterwards he became a member of the Scottish National Congress. He re-joined the SNP in the 1960s. He was SNP candidate for St Bernard’s Ward, Craigmillar Ward and George Square Ward, Edinburgh City Council, in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1999 he became SNP candidate for Peebles & Upper Tweed. He was elected Councillor for Tweedale West, Scottish Borders Council, in 2007.

The collection consists of political correspondence, election addresses and ephemera. It also includes a small selection of political literature from early Nationalist organisations such as the Scottish National Congress, the Scottish National Party and the Nationalist Party of Scotland, a breakaway group from the SNP formed in 1955 by expelled members associated with the ‘55 Group’. Of particular interest is a Gaelic hand-painted poster for Tom Brady, SNP candidate to the Gorbals by-election of 1969.

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1-11 POLITICAL CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS, 1954-1999


5. Letter of Felin Fach to William Archibald and his wife thanking them for their support, 15 July 1969.


12-16 NATIONALIST LITERATURE, c. 1950-1955


   (i) ‘Scottish self-government would save you money’, c. 1950s.
   (ii) Membership application form, c. 1950s.

   (i) ‘What is the Scottish National Congress?’, c.1950s.
   (ii) ‘Scotland had no conscripts at Bannockburn’, c.1950s.
   (iii) ‘Stop! To Scotsmen about to register’, c.1950s.
   (iv) ‘Scots awake!! Say “No” to conscription’, c.1950s.

15. Nationalist Party of Scotland pamphlets.

16. Two promotional stickers.

17-24 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1926-1999

17. News cutting concerning the release of Malcolm MacAllister, Owen Gillan, Robert Watt and Raymond Forbes who had been imprisoned for illegal possession of gelignite, undated.
19. Election address of Donald Stewart, SNP candidate to the Western Isles, 1970.
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22. Two issues of ‘United Scotsman’:
   (i) October 1972, contains Hamish Henderson’s autograph signature.
   (ii) April/May 1973.