



## Inventory

Acc.6688

Rowallan Papers

National Library of Scotland  
Manuscripts Division  
George IV Bridge  
Edinburgh  
EH1 1EW  
Tel: 0131-466 2812  
Fax: 0131-466 2811  
E-mail: [manuscripts@nls.uk](mailto:manuscripts@nls.uk)

© Trustees of the National Library of Scotland

Personal correspondence and papers, 1929-68, with some estate papers, 1845-1967, of Thomas Godfrey Polson Corbett, MC KBE KT (1875-1977), 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth (1945-59), and Governor of Tasmania (1959-63). The correspondence is concerned mainly with Rowallan's activities in the Scout movement, but includes also some papers relating to his military service in both World Wars, and to his farming activities in Ayrshire: for further biographical details see, Rowallan: the Autobiography of Lord Rowallan, Edinburgh, 1976. A later accession of Rowallan Papers is Acc 10323.

*Presented, 1976, by Lord Rowallan.*

The arrangement of the papers is as under:

- 1-9 GENERAL SCOUT CORRESPONDENCE: OUT-LETTERS
- 10-18 GENERAL SCOUT CORRESPONDENCE: IN-LETTERS
- 19-23 SCOUT INTERNATIONAL BUREAU PAPERS
- 24-28 SCOTTISH SCOUT PAPERS
- 29-30 B P SCOUT GUILD
- 31-33 MILITARY PAPERS
- 34 TASMANIA
- 35-43 OTHER PUBLIC ACTIVITIES
- 44-47 ESTATE PAPERS

#### **General Scout Correspondence (Out).**

1-9 A series of carbon copies of Rowallan's personal replies, 1951-9, to letters addressed to him, mostly in his capacity as Chief Scout. The letters are filed by year, as under:

- 1. 1951.
- 2. 1952.
- 3. 1953.
- 4. 1954.
- 5. 1955.
- 6. 1956.
- 7. 1957.
- 8. 1958.
- 9. 1959.

### **General Scout Correspondence (In).**

A series of letters received by Rowallan, 1945-9, mostly as Chief Scout and filed by year.

10. 1945-51.
11. 1952.
12. 1953.
13. 1954.
14. 1955.
15. 1956.
16. 1957.
17. 1958.
18. 1959.

### **Scout International Bureau**

19. Monthly reports of the Bureau [incomplete series], Mar 1945 – Aug 1953.
20. (i) Circulars, 1952-9 [gaps in series].  
(ii) Accounts, etc, 1947-53.
21. Bureau reports, minutes and related papers, 1947-51.
22. Bureau reports etc, 1952-9.
23. Correspondence file relating to Bureau business, 1948-56.

### **Scottish Scout Papers**

24. Scottish HQ, Executive and Council: agendae, minutes, memoranda, etc, 1929-41.
25. Scottish HQ correspondence, 1929-43.
26. Ayrshire Scouts: minutes, etc, 1937-9.
27. Ayrshire Scouts: correspondence, 1937-40, 1968.
28. Third World Rover Moot at Monzie, Perthshire (1939): papers, 1938-40.

### **B P Scout Guild**

29. General correspondence and papers, 1967-9.
30. Visits correspondence, 1967-9.

### **Military Papers**

31. A collection of documents [photocopies] and narrative by Rowallan on the 'Controversy Surrounding Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Rowallan's Command of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers, in France and England during April-June 1940'.
32. Extract, n.d., from the final history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt, Grenadier Guards, in Mar 1918.
33. A copy of The Highland Division by Eric Linklater, HMSO, London, 1942, with marginal notes by Rowallan.
34. Correspondence and papers, 1965-8, concerning the Rowallan Targe trophy and competition for the 1<sup>st</sup> Batt, Royal Highland Fusiliers.
- (ii) Correspondence and papers, 1966-8, Rowallan Targe competition for the Grenadier Guards.

### **Tasmania**

35. Correspondence and papers, 1966-9, concerning Tasmania and relating mostly to the bush fire disasters of 1967.

### **Other Public Activities**

36. Temperance movement: correspondence and papers, 1934-52, 1960.
37. Company of Goldsmiths and Silversmiths, London: correspondence, 1947-64.
38. Presscuttings relating to tour of New Zealand, Jan-Feb 1949.
39. Clan Cameron Society: correspondence and papers, 1951-65.
40. Barony of Gorbals Benevolent Society: accounts, letters and papers, 1954-67.
41. Correspondence, 1954-5, with or concerning the Outward Bound Trust and the formulation of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

42. Church of Scotland Layman's Building Fund: letters and papers, 1969.
43. Miscellaneous letters and papers, 1965-7.

### **Estate**

44. Rowallan estate, Ayrshire: bore journals and related papers, 1845-7, 1864-7.
45. Miscellaneous estate and business correspondence and papers, 1903-7, 1931-67, including designs, estimates and bills for Rowallan House, 1903-7, and a list of the Rowallan pictures, ca. 1946.
46. Papers, 1934-5, relating to Tuberculin Testing of milk.
47. Correspondence and papers, 1935-65, relating to Rowallan properties in Ilford and in Eltham, London.