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Scottish National Party

Minutes, letters and papers, with miscellaneous printed political leaflets and ephemera retained with the collection, from the Edinburgh Headquarters of the Scottish National Party. Included are records of other organizations of the national movement. For other Scottish Covenant Association records [lists of subscribers to Scottish Covenant] see Acc.5472, and for other minutes of the Scottish Convention, see Acc.6649.

Presented, 1978, by the Scottish National Party, per Miss Agnes Samuel, National Organizing Secretary.

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National Party of Scotland

The NPS was established in 1928 and merged with Scottish Party to form Scottish National Party in 1934.

1. Letters and papers, 1932, concerning the establishment of an NPS youth movement.
2. Press cuttings, 1932-4, relating to NPS activities, especially the East Fife Parliamentary By-Election [Eric Linklater, NPS candidate], 1933.
3. A volume of press cuttings on the East Fife election, 1933.

Scottish Convention

The Convention, led by Roland Eugene Muirhead, existed from 1942 to 1950, and merged With the Scottish Covenant Association in 1951.

4. Minute book of the National Committee, 7 Nov 1942-23 Nov 1946.
5. Minutes, National Committee, 6 Sept 1947-5 Feb 1949.

6. Minutes [typescripts] of the National Committee, Jan-Mar 1949, and minutes and papers of the AGM, June 1948.
7. Miscellaneous Convention letters and papers, 1947-50.
8. The Scottish National Assembly [organised by Scottish Convention], agendae 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951.

. Scottish Covenant Association

Established, 1951, incorporating Scottish Convention and the National Covenant Committee.

9. Papers, 1951-61, of the Covenant Association including agenda of inaugural meeting, letters, minutes, constitutional papers, circulars, leaflets and press cuttings.
10. Covenant Association Guarantee Fund ledger, 1951-60.
11. Membership register 1954-5.
12. (i) National Covenant Committee Financial Appeal, papers [c.1950];
(ii) SCA Newsletter, Nov. 1953-Sep. 1956;
(iii) The Highlands and Islands Covenanter Dec. 1952, Sep.-Oct. 1954, Mar. 1957, Dec. 1958;
(iv) The Covenanter, April, 1960.

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13. SNP Annual Conferences and National Council minutes, agendae and related papers, May 1936-May 1937.
14. Minute book no.3, minutes of the National Council, 1 Nov 1941 -12 Oct 1946.
15. Minute book, 24 Feb 1944-20 Feb 1948, of the National Executive Committee.
16. Executive minutes [typescript], 11 Aug, 17 Sept, 20 Oct 1945.
17. Reports [typescripts and duplicated] inserted in a volume, of policy committees to the National Council and Executive Committee, 1964-5.
18. (i) Constitution and rules, (i) of the Edinburgh Nationalist Club, 1936, and (ii) of the SNP, 1949.
19. Signed petitions to the Secretary of State for Scotland [1954] asking for a review of the trial and conviction of R D Watt, M J Macalister, O Gillan and R G Forbes on a charge of conspiracy, and in favour of their immediate release.
20. (i) Copies of The Scottish Newsletter, 1st and 2nd issues, 1954-5;
(ii) SNP branch, constituency and regional newsletters, c.1967 et seq.

21. Federation of Student Nationalists, report on the Skye Crofting Scheme, 1974, and other printed literature relating to the FSN, 1965-73.
22. A file of SNP local election addresses and leaflets, 1950, 1969 et seq.
23. Parliamentary General and By-Election addresses and leaflets ca.1945-74.
24. Miscellaneous SNP leaflets ca.1967-75.
25. Two pamphlets with associated notes;
 - (i) Andrew Hargrave, A National of Labourers of a New Scotland, Glasgow Fabian Society, 1964;
 - (ii) John S Thomson, Charter for Scotland, Greenock, 1971, with a note of the author, 1972.

Non-SNP Nationalist Organisations

26. A file of leaflets, ca. 1948-58, produced by the Scottish Secretariat and Scottish National Congress.
27.
 - (i) Manifesto, Sep, 1956, of the “Nationalist Party of Scotland”;
 - (ii) a printed statement, 197 , of the Scottish Patriot, ‘Wendy Wood's challenge to the Government’ [Wendy Wood's fast]; (iii) Celtic League, Celtic News Spring 1968 no.18. (iv) Radio Free Scotland leaflet n.d.
28. The 1320 Club, literature [5 items]; 1968-70:
 - (i) Sgian Dubh, vol.5, no.6 (Mar. 1968);
 - (ii) brochure for a 1320 Club symposium 12 Oct, 1968;
 - (iii) ‘The Disunited Kingdom’ text of Ludovick Kennedy's BBC address, 12 June 1968, published by 1320 Club, [1968];
 - (iv) ‘Report on Activities of the Foreign Affairs Bureau’, April 1970;
 - (v) An Outline of a Scottish Constitution, n.d.

Non, and Anti-Nationalist Political Literature

29.
 - (i) Scottish Fascists newsletter, Reveille vol.1 no.93 Edinburgh [1936];
 - (ii) Labour and Progressive local election addresses Glasgow, 1950;
 - (iii) election address of David Murray, Liberal Candidate for the Western Isles [1951];
 - (iv) ‘Exposed: The Truth about SNP’ published by Dunfermline Burgh Labour Federation ca.1970;
 - (v) Workers Party of Scotland (Marxist-Leninist), manifesto and brochure for a meeting 1968, and 4 issues of the Scottish Vanguard vol.2, nos.2,3,4/5, 6 (Feb-June 1968).

SNP Election Posters

30. A file of SNP election and Common Market Referendum posters and car stickers. 11 items.

. Miscellaneous Financial Records

31. [Scottish Covenant Association] *Newsletter* accounts and balance sheets, 1953-6.
32. *Newsletter* bank book, 1953-7.
33. *Newsletter* receipts for payments to funds 1956-7.
34. Scottish National Party, ledger of receipts and disbursements, 1 Jan. 1956-31 Dec. 1959.