

P252 John Skinner Papers
RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P252

Alternative reference number:

Title: John Skinner Papers

Dates of creation: 1906

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 244 papers

Format: Paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: John Skinner

Administrative history: John Skinner (31 October 1721 – 16 June 1807) was a Scottish historian and song-writer.

Born in Balfour, Aberdeenshire, he was a son of a schoolmaster at Birse, and was educated at Marischal College.

Brought up as a Presbyterian, he became an Episcopalian and ministered to a congregation at Longside, near Peterhead, for 65 years. He wrote *The Ecclesiastical History of Scotland from the Episcopal point of view*, and several songs of which *The Reel of Tullochgorum* and *The Ewie wi' the Crookit Horn* are the best known, and he also rendered some of the Psalms into Latin. He kept up a rhyming correspondence with Robert Burns.

He died at the home of his son, John Skinner, Bishop Coadjutor of Aberdeen on 16 June 1807.

Custodial history:

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Poetry and plays by John Skinner

Appraisal:

Accruals:

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: open

Closed until:

Access conditions:

Copying: Copying permitted within standard
Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: November 2011

Ref.	Description	Dates
P252/1	Handwritten sheets, poetry ("Sweet Spring Again", "Thurso Braes", "Lines to Old St Peter's Church Thurso", "Thurso Bay", etc.) and a play "The Captive Queen", by John Skinner [244 papers]	1906