



- ◆ **What are they?** Collections which have been deposited at the Archive by individuals, families, businesses and societies to ensure their safekeeping and preservation for future generations. We hold over 800 of these collections ranging from single items to entire company or family archives. The collections include minutes, ledgers, letters, photographs, maps, scrapbooks, diaries, artwork.... Our collections grow all the time thanks to private deposits.
- ◆ **What dates do they cover?** Each deposited collection varies in date and between them they cover hundreds of years. We hold royal letters from 1455, family papers from 1575 onwards, societies' papers from the 19th and 20th centuries and documents which were created this year!

- ◆ **What can I use them for?** The deposited collections provide insight into hundreds of aspects of Highland life. Among the business collections are the records of Georgesons Solicitors, Estate records, and the Sinclair Macdonald Collection. Society/group collections include the Caithness Field Club, Caithness Benevolent and Literary Society and the British Fisheries Society . Family collections include the papers of Henrietta (Hetty) Munro and some pictures from the Johnston Collection. We also hold the archives for the Wick Harbour Trust, Customs and Excise and Northern Constabulary. Our 800+ deposited collections cover hundreds of subjects which can be studied for historical Highland research or genealogical purposes.

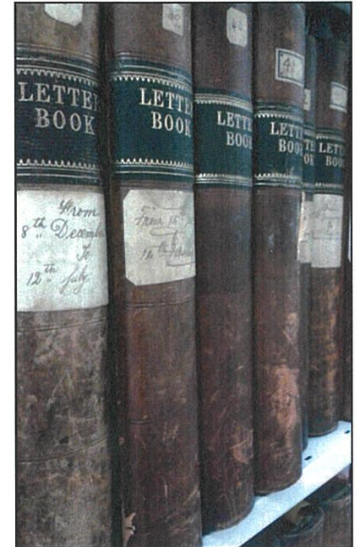


- ◆ **What will they tell me?** It entirely depends on the collection what information is contained but across the collections there are photographs, family trees, membership rolls, letters, accounts, ledgers and numerous other types of record.



- ♦ **Will there definitely be useful information in there?** There is a wide range of fascinating information in the deposited collections.

- ♦ **Do I need to know anything first?** No. If there is a particular subject you are interested in just look in the Private Deposit folders or have a chat with a member of staff who will advise which collections may be helpful. If you have no particular area of research have a look through the Private Deposit folders as there is bound to be something of interest to you! These collections are full of stories. Family papers tell stories of estate management, education, war diaries, history of the family, travel and a changing way of life; the Northern Constabulary archive contains stories of wartime restrictions and the life of a police constable; the business collections show the changing face of Highland industry.



- ♦ **Are there any viewing restrictions?** Sometimes - when collections are deposited with us the depositor is able to specify his/her own restrictions in the deposit agreement. Staff will be able to advise on each collection.

*Inventory and Valuation of Mying Castle Estate, in the Parish of St. Thomas in the East, and Island of Jamaica the Property of George Grant Esquire, deceased. Taken this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1819. —*

<i>Names</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Condition</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Valuation</i>
<i>William Simsdon</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>Elderly</i>	<i>Stable Driver</i>	<i>£60</i>
<i>William Stewart</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>Able</i>	<i>2<sup>d</sup> ditto</i>	<i>180</i>
<i>George Guship</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Weakly</i>	<i>W<sup>o</sup> Butler</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Robert McCallan</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>W<sup>o</sup> Distiller</i>	<i>70</i>
<i>Richard Dick</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>Able</i>	<i>W<sup>o</sup> Carpenter</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>William Lehagan</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>St. Crispin</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>Donald Harris</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>David Smith</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>	<i>100</i>

- ♦ **Can I have photocopies?** Staff will be able to advise if this is permitted under the terms of the deposit agreement.

- ♦ **Can I take photographs?** Staff will be able to advise if this is permitted under the terms of the deposit agreement.

- ♦ **Where can I find out what you hold?** The Red folders labelled Private Deposits contain item-level listings of each collection where you will find each item's individual reference number.
- ♦ **Where do I go next?** If you're interested in a particular subject why not check the Index to Collections to see if we hold any other relevant collections.

