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Nigel Godwin Tranter (1909 – 2000) began sketching the buildings of Scotland as a young boy. His interest in them continued after he left school but hopes of becoming an architect were ruined when familial difficulties meant he had to withdraw from his architectural apprenticeship and enter the family insurance business. His interest in architecture and buildings continued, however, and his first book – *The Fortalices and Early Mansions of Scotland, 1400-1650* - was illustrated with his own drawings and published in 1935. He continued writing historical fiction and adventure stories alongside his works on Scottish homes and the first volume of *The Fortified House in Scotland* was published in 1962; four subsequent volumes followed in the next eight years.

This collection comprises notes and proofs for volumes 1-5 of *The Fortified House in Scotland*, as well as original and proof drawings to accompany the work. Also included are audio recordings of several of Tranter's books and some correspondence.

*Presented, 2006.*

### **1-3 Volume 1**

- 1 Typewritten draft with corrections
- 2 Bound manuscript containing illustrations
- 3 Handwritten index and typed notes  
Newspaper article by NT, 1960

### **4-6 Volume 2**

- 4 Corrected proofs, text and illustration
- 5 Typewritten draft with corrections
- 6 Handwritten and typed notes

### **7-9 Volume 3**

- 7 Corrected proofs
- 8 Proofs  
Typewritten draft with corrections
- 9 Handwritten notes on Scottish regions with correspondence about NT's appearance on television programmes (1962) on reverse  
Typewritten draft with corrections

### **10-13 Volume 4**

- 10 Corrected proofs
- 11 Proofs

12 Typewritten manuscript with corrections

13 Handwritten notes on Aberdeenshire

#### **14-16 Volume 5**

14 Corrected proofs

15 Typed manuscript

16 Typed and corrected manuscript

#### **17-22 Drawings**

17 Sketches and proof drawings for *The Fortified House in Scotland*, vols. 1-5

18 Sketches and handwritten notes (removed from 17)

19 Typewritten notes for additional index to Vol. 1-5  
Notes Scottish houses and castles  
Letter (removed from 11)  
Handwritten and typed index to all volumes  
Letter from publisher, November 1970  
Cross-stitched card from Susan Smith, 1989

20 Sketches for Vols. 1-5: A - W

21 Sketches and notes for Vols. 1-5: A - G

22 Sketches and notes for Vols. 1-5: H - W

#### **23 Audio Tapes**

23 Recordings of *The Bruce Trilogy* (I-III), *Tales and Traditions of Scottish Castles*, *More Tales and Traditions of Scottish Castles*, *Tinker's Pride*, *Nestor the Monster*, *Highness in Hiding*, *Footbridge to Enchantment*, *The Queen's Grace*, *The Stone*, *Dark Island*, *Macbeth the King* (I-III)