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Political papers, 1954–1999, of William K. Archibald (b.1940), Scottish National Party Councillor for Tweeddale West.

William K. Archibald briefly joined the SNP in 1954. Shortly afterwards he became a member of the Scottish National Congress. He re-joined the SNP in the 1960s. He was SNP candidate for St Bernard's Ward, Craigmillar Ward and George Square Ward, Edinburgh City Council, in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1999 he became SNP candidate for Peebles & Upper Tweed. He was elected Councillor for Tweeddale West, Scottish Borders Council, in 2007.

The collection consists of political correspondence, election addresses and ephemera. It also includes a small selection of political literature from early Nationalist organisations such as the Scottish National Congress, the Scottish National Party and the Nationalist Party of Scotland, a breakaway group from the SNP formed in 1955 by expelled members associated with the '55 Group'. Of particular interest is a Gaelic hand-painted poster for Tom Brady, SNP candidate to the Gorbals by-election of 1969.

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1-11 POLITICAL CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS, 1954-1999

1. Subscription receipts, Scottish National Party, Edinburgh Branch, 2 and 9 December 1954.
2. Membership card, Scottish National Congress, 1954-1955.
3. Letter of George Nicholson, 'The Nationalist', to William Archibald concerning a training session, circa 1950s.
4. Four letters of Wendy Wood to William Archibald concerning political activities, March – November 1969.
5. Letter of Felin Fach to William Archibald and his wife thanking them for their support, 15 July 1969.
6. Letter concerning William Archibald's selection as prospective SNP candidate to contest George Square Ward in the 1970 Edinburgh municipal election, 16 October 1969.

7. Election address of William Archibald, SNP candidate for George Square Ward, Edinburgh, c.1970.
8. 'How to ru(i)n a city centre in ten easy lessons'. Pamphlet in support of William Archibald's candidature to the 1970 Edinburgh municipal election, 16 April 1970.
9. 'Grasping the thistle'. Address in support of William Archibald's candidature to the 1970 Edinburgh municipal election, c.1970.
10. Political speech by an unidentified author, c.1970s.
11. Election address of William Archibald, SNP candidate for Peebles & Upper Tweed, Scottish Borders Council election, May 1999.

12-16 NATIONALIST LITERATURE, c. 1950-1955

12. Sir John Boyd Orr, 'The Scotland I Want to See'.
13. Scottish National Party pamphlets.
 - (i) 'Scottish self-government would save you money', c. 1950s.
 - (ii) Membership application form, c. 1950s.
 - (iii) 'The ten-times-ten plan', c. 1950s.
14. Scottish National Congress pamphlets.
 - (i) 'What is the Scottish National Congress?', c.1950s.
 - (ii) 'Scotland had no conscripts at Bannockburn', c.1950s.
 - (iii) 'Stop! To Scotsmen about to register', c.1950s.
 - (iv) 'Scots awake!! Say "No" to conscription', c.1950s.
15. Nationalist Party of Scotland pamphlets.
 - (i) 'The Nationalist challenge', c.1955.
 - (ii) 'The English: are they human?', c.1955.
16. Two promotional stickers.

17-24 MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1926-1999

17. News cutting concerning the release of Malcolm MacAllister, Owen Gillan, Robert Watt and Raymond Forbes who had been imprisoned for illegal possession of gelignite, undated.

18. Dunedin Dispatch, March 1955.
19. Election address of Donald Stewart, SNP candidate to the Western Isles, 1970.
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21. Poster advertising the publication of John Herdman's book 'Poets, Pubs, Polls & Pillar Boxes', 1999.
22. Two issues of 'United Scotsman':
 - (i) October 1972, contains Hamish Henderson's autograph signature.
 - (ii) April/May 1973.
23. Lewis Spence, 'Freedom for Scotland: The Case for Scottish Self-Government', 1926. Contains Roland E. Muirhead's autograph signature.
24. Gaelic hand-painted poster for Tom Brady, SNP candidate to the Gorbals by-election of 1969.