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**Association of Sheriff and Commissary Clerks
Of Scotland**

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Records, 1877-1954, of the Association of Sheriff and Commissary Clerks of Scotland [henceforth referred to as the 'Sheriff Clerks' Association' (SCA)]; with other papers, 1808-79 relating to sheriff clerks and Sheriff Courts in general.

The SCA, representing principal Sheriff Clerks, was established in December, 1877 in response to a generally expressed desire to form an Association "for social intercourse, mutual conference as to difficulties, and combined action in securing simplification of, and other improvements in, Sheriff and Commissary Court forms". Depute Sheriff Clerks were represented by the Association of Sheriff Clerks Depute, whose minute book, 1888-1946, and other records, 1875-9, are contained in this archive.

In 1954 the SCA combined with executive grades members of the Sheriff Courts Officials' Association to form a Sheriff Clerks' Branch of the Society of Civil and Public Servants.

Deposited, 1984, by the Sheriff Clerks' Branch, SCPS, through K Mackenzie Esq, Sheriff Clerk, Stirling, and the Records Liaison Section, Scottish Record Office.

The papers have been arranged as follows:

- 1-7 Minutes of SCA, 1877-1965.
- 8 Secretary's letterbook, 1903-10.
- 9-12 Secretary's correspondence (general), 1933-53.
- 13-24 'Staff Re-organisation' Files, 1907-35.
- 25-27 Salary negotiation files, 1936-53.
- 28-33 Subject files, various (A-T), 1808-9, 1932-54.
- 34 Earlier Papers, 1836-79.
- 35-9 Financial Papers, 1885-1953.
- 40-6 'Blue Books', 1914-22.
- 47-8 Sheriff Clerks Depute Association, 1875-1946.

MINUTES

1. Minute-book of the Association with [pasted or tipped-in] related papers, 1877-1928.
2. Minutes [printed or duplicated] of Annual Meetings of the SCA, 1877-1954.
3. Copies of the Association's constitution, adopted 14 December 1877 as amended 13 April 1899.
4. Papers relating to the AGM, 28 April 1950.
5. File of copies of minutes, 1877-1928.
6. File of copies of minutes, 1929-46.

7. File of copies of minutes, 1947-53.

SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE

8. Copy letter-book of the Secretary, SCA, 1903-10.
- 9-12. Files of 'general' or 'miscellaneous' correspondence of the Secretary of SCA, 1933-53.
 9. 1933-6.
 10. 1940-50.
 11. 1950-2.
 12. 1953.

STAFF REORGANISATION FILES

13. Correspondence and papers, 1907-22.
14. Correspondence and papers, 1907-20.
15. Copy, printed report of Departmental Committee on Minor Legal Appointments in Scotland, Edinburgh 1911, Cd.5602.
16. Minutes of Evidence of the Committee, Edinburgh, 1911, Cd.5603.
17. Report, of the Departmental Committee on Procurators-Fiscal, Sheriff Clerks, Commissary Clerks, Sheriff-Clerk of Chancery and staffs, Edin, 1921.
18. Report, Departmental Committee on Courts of session and Justiciary and Sheriff Court fees Part I (Sheriff Courts), Edin, 1921.
19. Correspondence "before and after the Blackburn Report", 1919-23.
20. Correspondence with Scottish Office on re-organisation, 1923-7.
21. Correspondence, 1923-7, with various sheriff clerks, procurators-fiscal, depute fiscals, etc.
22. Another file as no.21, 1923-7.
23. Reorganisation of SC service, 1927-8.
24. A file of various papers on this subject, 1919-35.
- 25-7. Salary negotiation files, 1936-53.

25. 1936-8.
26. 1946-9.
27. 1952-3.

SUBJECT FILES

Various files arranged alphabetically in order of subject, with papers dating from 1808-1954.

28. Abstracts of Petitions for Service of Heirs: correspondence and papers, 1946-7.
29. Correspondence and papers relating to the amalgamation of SCA with the Society of Civil Servants, 1954.
30. Criminal returns: papers, 1945.
31. Land Court: correspondence and papers, 1932-9.
32. Sheriff Court records, 1940-2, but including copies of printed instructions and a draft 'heads of bill', 1808-9, relating to the records.
33. Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Act, 1949.

EARLIER PAPERS

34.
 - (i) A circular letter, 31 December 1836, of Daniel Fisher SC of Edinburgh on new tables of fees for sheriff clerks (this copy to James Taylor, SC of Cromarty).
 - (ii) A printed 'Prospectus of a General Association of the Sheriff Court Procurators in Scotland' issued at Stranraer, probably by Alxr M'Neel Caird, writer there, dated 20 February 1839, to John Taylor, writer in Cromarty.
 - (iii) Printed papers, 1877-9, relating to SCA.

FINANCIAL

35. Accounts and vouchers, 1885-1944.
36. Accounts and vouchers, 1929-48.
- 37-9. Association bank account books (3), 1928-53.

BLUE BOOKS

- 40-46. Various copies of official reports, 1914-22, largely of or relating to the Royal Commission on the Civil Service, (1914-15), and the Committee on National Expenditure, (1922).

SHERIFF CLERKS DEPUTE

47. Minute-book, 1888-1946, of the Association of Sheriff Clerks Depute in Scotland.
48. Papers, 1875-9, relating to the Deputes' Association.