

MUN Henrietta Munro Collection

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: MUN

Alternative reference number:

Title: MUN Henrietta Munro Collection

Dates of creation: 1737-c.2000

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 6 boxes

Format: Paper, photographs

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Henrietta Munro collected the historical material in pursuit of her interests in history. The rest of the material comprises of her writings, diaries and scrapbooks.

Administrative history: Hetty Munro was a local of Thurso, where she owned an antique shop and is still remembered with affection by members of the community. She was in Orkney during the war, and her diaries cover her work as a volunteer in the ATS corps. After the war she returned home to Thurso where she spent the remainder of her life.

Custodial history:

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Diaries and scrapbooks spanning the Second World War, local history publications, notes and cuttings.

Appraisal:

Accruals:

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until:

Access conditions: Available within the Archive searchroom

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: November 2014

Ref.	Description	Dates
MUN	Henrietta Munro Collection	1739-c.2000
MUN/1	Wartime diaries and scrapbooks	1939-c.2000
MUN/1/1	A typed copy of early entries of the Hetty's wartime diaries beginning in 1939. The handwritten original does not appear to have survived [1 folder]	November 1939
MUN/1/2	Hetty Munro's war time diary [1 volume]	June 1940 – February 1941
MUN/1/3	Hetty Munro's war time diary [1 volume]	1942
MUN/1/4	Hetty Munro's war time diary [1 volume]	August 1941 – January 1944
MUN/1/5	Typed version of Hetty Munro's diaries [1 volume]	c.2000
MUN/1/6	Folder containing excerpts typed from the original including poems, songs, reflections and a summary of Hetty Munro's war time experiences [1 folder]	c.2000
MUN/1/7	Scrap book including photos, signatures, poems and sketches [1 volume]	c.1941-1946
MUN/1/8	Scrap book including photos, signatures, poems, cartoons and sketches [1 volume]	c.1941-1946
MUN/1/9	Scrap book containing photos, invitations to various functions and poems [1 volume]	c.1941-1946
MUN/1/10	Women Officer's release book for Hetty Munro [1 booklet]	1946

MUN/1/11	Folder containing a certificate awarded to Hetty Munro for good services, typewritten copy of Hetty's 'Farewell to the ATS' and some reflections upon leaving for civilian life and her experiences on Victory day [1 folder]	1945-1946
MUN/1/12	Hetty Munro's badges and a medal for efficiency [1 envelope including 1 medal and 9 badges]	1939-1946
MUN/1/13	Folder containing some official papers, postcards, poems, copy of Hetty's farewell speech and newspaper cuttings [1 folder]	c.1941-1946
MUN/1/14	Folder containing typed copies of poems, a play entitled 'Groatie Buckie and some official papers [1 folder]	c.1941-1946
MUN/1/15	Folder containing correspondence, poems and other writings [1 folder]	1942
MUN/1/16	Folder containing correspondence and newspaper cuttings [1 folder]	c.1942
MUN/1/17	Folder containing photographs and sketches [1 folder]	c.1942
MUN/1/18	Folder containing caricatures of military officers including Major Eric R. R. Linklater, these appear to be the same as the series of drawings in the Keith Family Papers P38 in a folder entitled 'The Orkney Rogue's Gallery' which would have been done during the time that Hetty Munro was in Orkney [1 folder]	c.1940
MUN/2	Original Documents	1739-1910
MUN/2/1	Financial statements of Thurso Cricket Club, 1883-85, with list of members and accompanying bills from suppliers [14 items]	1883-1885
MUN/2/2	Bills with letterheads from John Shearer (outfitter and silk 1880-1890 merchant, Traill St) and James Shearer, silk merchant, presumed same family and same address) and 2 from John Keith (Draper, Clothier and Outfitter) [3 items]	1880-1890
MUN/2/3	Bills from P Swanson, photographer, Thurso and Wick and one each from station hotel, Thurso Gasworks and William MacDonald and Co. [3 items]	1890-1891
MUN/2/4	Bills from George Durran (Sandside Threshing Mill) for building materials, also one from Mitchell & Co of Manchester [3 items]	1880
MUN/2/5	Bills from Magnus Millikin (boot and shoe maker),	1886-1902

	Donald Jack (rope and sail maker), William Crear (Thurso Steam Saw Flooring and Moulding Mills) and Donald Mowat (Blacksmith) [4 items]	
MUN/2/6	Bills from James McKidd (corn and meal dealer, engineer, millwright and founder) [2 items]	1880
MUN/2/7	Bills from George Philip (lather, Kirkhill), Donald Munro (builder and contractor, Campbell St) and George Taylor (joiner, High St, Wick) [3 items]	1880-1901
MUN/2/8	Highland Railway Company carriage bills [2 items]	1884-1885
MUN/2/9	Photocopy of a list of types of horses kept in the county of Caithness [1 item]	1859-1860
MUN/2/10	Receipt from William Henderson of Pulteney Distillery (1854) two further receipts from George Durran [3 items]	1854
MUN/2/11	Bills from John Munro (house carpenter and general joiner); Donald Ryrie (plumber, gasfitter, and sanitary engineer) and Donald Campbell (builder and contractor) [3 items]	1892-1902
MUN/2/12	Bills from William Crear; John Matheson (plasterer and lather) and Russell & Leslie (booksellers and stationers) [3 items]	1887-1902
MUN/2/13	Handwritten tenders to John Munro mainly relating to work at a house in Duncan St: Hugh Oag (plasterer, Millbank Rd); James Mercer (plumber) George Macdonald (house carpenter, Rose St); John Sinclair (mason, West Church St) Donald Campbell (mason) and John Matheson (plasterer). Also one bill and one receipt from the above John Sinclair [9 items]	1902-1910
MUN/2/14	Bill from Sinclair Bain & Company (ironmongers) and Alex Sinclair (auctioneers in Wick) [2 items]	1880, 1902
MUN/2/15	Photograph by Johnston of the 1407 seal of Henry Sinclair, Earl of Orkney, and the seal of the Caithness Chapter of St Mary; tender from James Reid (slater and slate merchant) [2 items]	n.d.
MUN/2/16	Bill from Wm Macdonald (Dundee Equitable Boot Depot) [1 item]	1890
MUN/2/17	2 bills from Magnus Millikin (boot and shoe maker) Orlig St, Thurso [2 items]	1888, 1891
MUN/2/18	List of Paupers paid by Thurso parish, including those residing in other parishes [1 item]	1879

MUN/2/19	Bills from W S Home (family grocer) and John Bain & Co (clothier & milliner, Traill St) and William MacDonald and Co. [4 items]	1885-1902
MUN/2/20	Newsletter of the First Free Church, Thurso, 1898 and copy of Thurso Literary and Debating Society Syllabus 1927-1928 [2 items]	1898, 1928
MUN/2/21	Letter from George Moir Davidson, Minister of Watten, requesting that a draft be made from his own account for goods supplied to Captain Henderson, and bill to the latter from Edinburgh confectionery firm of R Blair [2 items]	1854-1855
MUN/2/22	Receipts for payments by Alexander Henderson of Stemster for rent, poor law contributions and a Commercial Bank cheque for payment to William Brand, Bank of Scotland [3 items]	1853-1883
MNU/2/23	2 bills from William Miller (silk merchant) and one from Hugh Cowan (druggist and grocer) [3 items]	1881-1889
MUN/2/24	2 bills from Thomas Smith (woollen and linen draper) [2 items]	1888-1889
MUN/2/25	3 bills from Alexander George (watchmaker & jeweller, Traill St) [3 items]	1890-1893
MUN/2/26	Bill to James Sinclair of Mey, Bar't, for goods and carriage, from J. O'Groat, Kirkwall Fragile: May be viewed but not photocopied [1 item]	1737
MUN/2/27	Receipt for wages from A W Innes, Parochial Schoolmaster of Bower and bill from J H Buik, ropemakers in Wick [2 items]	1869-1871
MUN/2/28	Bill from Captain Henderson to John Henderson, brewer, and notice from him of payment required to John Kitchen for peat-cutting. Also later bill from W M Smith to the Thurso Cricket Club [3 items]	1854-1885
MUN/2/29	Bill from Alexander Henderson of Stemster to Donald Sinclair of Brabsterdorrان [1 item]	1872
MUN/2/30	Bill from Malcolm Geddes, Wick for tiles [1 item]	1856
MUN/2/31	Letter from Wm MacDonald and receipt from Donald Sinclair, Brabsterdorrان [2 items]	1856-1871
MUN/2/32	Account of cottars by grievance on Brabsterdorrان farm [1 item]	1832
MUN/2/33	J Smith, Orlig, acknowledgement of interest on loan	1856, 1869

	to Captain Henderson and bill from John Coghill, blacksmith for repairing various farm tools and implements [2 items]	
MUN/2/34	2 bills to Mr J Bruce from A Leslie (Booksellers and stationers, Traill St) [2 items]	1886
MUN/2/35	5 bills to Mr J Bruce from Russell & Leslie, booksellers and stationers, Traill St [5 items]	1885-1890
MUN/2/36	Bill from Henderson's Royal Hotel, Thurso and bill from James Manson (boot and shoe maker, Sinclair St) to George Durran, joiner [2 items]	1880, 1887
MUN/2/37	Bill to Thurso Cricket Club from Percival King in Edinburgh, tender correspondence from Donald Doull (plumber) and bill to John Munro from Thurso Gas Company [4 items]	1888-1909
MUN/2/38	Two bills from Donald Munro (builder and contractor, Campbell Street) and one from Donald Campbell (Builder, Brabster Street) [3 items]	1902-1909
MUN/2/39	Bills, tenders and specifications to John Munro, mainly in his capacity as Secretary of the Thurso Cricket Club [1 bundle]	1893-1909
MUN/2/40	Specification of the boundary wall between the property of John Munro and the adjoining property belonging to D Campbell, by John Munro [1 item]	1904
MUN/2/41	Copy of a letter from the Provost and Magistrate of Kirkwall and Stewart of Orkney, thanking him for the loan of his executioner [1 item]	28 th May 1711
MUN/2/42	Field return from the Regiment of Caithness Local Militia, July 1811. No individual names mentioned, but details on numbers of different ranks [1 item]	1811
MUN/2/43	Letter of arrestment against William Manson, late in Tister now in Cathill, in respect of sums owed to Hyndman of Hempriggs, letter of arrestment raised by John Oal, merchant in Bower, against William Smith there and court summons against John Christian, tenant in Bower Tower [3 items]	1800-1824
MUN/2/44	Unidentified and undated letter from a Mr Chalmers, to his brother requesting for his nephew to come and stay and giving other family news. This item is badly faded and difficult to read [1 item]	c.1900
MUN/3	Caithness Field Club	1973-1988

MUN/3/1	Caithness Field Club bulletins [1 folder]	October 1973 – October 1978
MUN/3/2	Caithness Field Club bulletins [1 folder]	April 1979 – April 1984
MUN/3/3	Caithness Field Club bulletins [1 folder]	April 1985 – April 1988
MUN/4	Historical articles and notes by Henrietta Munro	c.1970-c.1980
MUN/4/1	'Legends of the Pentland Firth retold by Henrietta Munro and illustrated by Barbara Myatt [1 ringbinder]	c.1970
MUN/4/2	'Over the Ord' an essay by Hetty Munro the essay discusses the differences in life, people and society in the very north of Scotland [1 folder]	c.1970
MUN/4/3	'Stroma – early references', 'Stroma Stories', 'Kennedy of Stroma', 'The Story of David Banks' and 'Tidal Names' in Stroma' writings all relating to Stroma [1 bundle]	c.1970
MUN/4/4	Handwritten and typed notes on place names in Caithness [1 folder]	c.1970
MUN/4/5	Typed notes on places in Caithness, history and memories [1 folder]	c.1970
MUN/4/6	Large scrapbook containing handwritten stories and histories all relating to Caithness [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN/4/7	Draft articles including An Early Royal Visit to Thurso, and Caithness the Land of Brochs, Castles and Strange Place Names. Also extracts from an 1842 notebook of Donald Grant, including old local names for inhabitants of various Caithness districts and numerous geographical names. A few extracts from material in the National Library of Scotland on local issues, and notes on superstitions from Peter Burr entitled Luck Forespoken [1 folder]	c.1970
MUN/4/8	Notes on the Sinclair family, probably Hetty's own with transcripts of articles The Stone Age and articles from other sources on monuments and archaeology, Macfarlane's Geographical Collections, 'The Cruise or Ancient Oil Lamp of Scotland' and 'The Old Town of Thirsa' [1 folder]	c.1970
MUN/4/9	Miscellaneous items including Hetty's humorous re-writes of various famous songs to give them a local slant. Also catalogue on Caithness artists for an	c.1970-1980

	exhibition on Caithness Environment notes on excavations at Chow Chapel, Watten and copies of the newspapers articles by `Thirso boyag' [1 folder]	
MUN/4/10	Miscellaneous drafts of articles by Hetty Munro with some accompanying ephemera including two different but apparently untitled talks/articles on Thurso, a programme for a ceilidh at the Castle of Mey in honour of the Queen Mother's birthday with covering letters, an articles on the Scourie Mackays, draft of A Look at Caithness; and Wrecks and Mishaps in the Pentland Firth & its Approaches which was based on records of William Bremner of Stroma [1 folder]	c.1970-1980
MUN/5	Publications and Printed Material	1880-1989
MUN/5/1	Poster advertising the 1880 county elections [1 poster]	1880
MUN/5/2	Copies of the Northern Ensign and the Caithness Courier newspapers [1 folder]	1908-1916
MUN/5/3	Two copies of the John O'Groat Journal, the first is the 140 th anniversary edition and the second is the week of the Queen Mother's 80 th birthday [1 folder]	1915, 1980
MUN/5/4	One copy of the Caithness Courier and the John O'Groat Journal [1 folder]	1915
MUN/5/5	Copy of the Thurso Town Council publication listing the favourite quotations of various notables. Also undated photos of Reigate, Surrey, probably not connected, and a copy of the Development Plan for Thurso [3 items]	1911, 1958
MUN/5/6	Two magazines, a notice and a luggage tag for Corporal I Munro for the Boy's Brigade Jubilee camp in Dechmont by Glasgow [1 folder]	1933
MUN/5/7	Newspaper copies of Jubilee issues [1 folder]	1933
MUN/5/8	John O'Groat Journal Christmas Number [1 folder]	1936
MUN/5/9	Three publications for the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1937; 'The Coronation of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Official Souvenir Programme', 'First Photographs Coronation Day', 'Coronation of George VI and Queen Elizabeth Souvenir and Programme' [1 folder]	1937
MUN/5/10	Copy of the Scotsman newspaper, the anniversary of being in publication for 150 years edition [1 folder]	25 January 1957

MUN5/11	Scrap book containing a collection of Caithness postcards of local places and people and a series of cartoons of 'Wee Poltney' [1 volume]	c.1960
MUN5/12	Catalogue of new gas light 'Black Light' stocked at Donald Doull's (plumber in Thurso) [1 booklet]	c.1960
MUN5/13	Pages 183-185 and one other excerpt from 'Scenes and Stories from the North of Scotland, The Town of Thurso', an information booklet from an exhibition in Edinburgh 'Peat Cutting and Land Improvement' and 'Scottish Broadsheet No 1 Caithness, The Earl of Caithness's Steam Carriage' [1 folder]	c.1963
MUN5/14	Scrapbook containing articles including the Know Your Caithness series and other Caithness related clippings [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN5/15	Scrapbook containing poems and songs from local papers, some written by Hetty Munro herself [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN5/16	Scrapbook containing stories and articles on Caithness, including an article on the survival of superstitions relating to fire [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN5/17	Scrapbook containing articles on Caithness, including Know Your Caithness [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN5/18	Scrapbook containing articles on Caithness, including Know Your Caithness [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN5/19	Scrapbook containing articles on Caithness, including Know Your Caithness [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN5/20	Scrapbook containing 1960s articles from The Scotsman and the Caithness Courier, including many on Thurso and some typed articles written by Hetty Munro [1 volume]	c.1960-1970
MUN5/21	Scrapbook containing newspaper articles on Thurso [1 volume]	c.1960-1970
MUN5/22	Copies and excerpts of Caithness Couriers [1 folder]	1964-1980
MUN5/23	Information booklet from the Thurso Branch of the Red Cross Society's 'Exhibition of Antiques, Treasures of the Past' which took place in the town hall in Thurso [1 folder]	27 th August 1968
MUN5/24	Photographs and information on the Thurso Folk Museum [1 folder]	c.1970

MUN/5/25	List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest in the area of Caithness [1 folder]	c.1970
MUN/5/26	Photocopy of an article entitled A Gossip on a Sutherlandshire Hillside and also an article on the history of Balnakiel that appeared in the Northern Times in 1972 [1 folder]	1972
MUN/5/27	Information on the presence of Viking and Pictish structures in Orkney and Shetland [1 folder]	c.1980
MUN/5/28	Printed information relating to architecture in the Highlands [1 folder]	c.1980-1985
MUN/5/29	Scottish Local History Forum publications [1 folder]	1984-1989
MUN/5/30	Publication 'Submission to the public local inquiry into the siting of the European Demonstration Reprocessing Plant at Dounreay' [1 folder]	18 March 1986
	Local Books	
MUN/5/31	<p>'Folklore Gleanings and Character Sketches from the Far North' by Reverend George Sutherland (Bruan Church of Scotland Caithness) with the following chapters:</p> <p>I – Fairies II – Ghosts III – The Holy Well of St Trothan IV – Witches and Witchcraft V - Witches and Witchcraft (continued) VI – The Scrabster Witches VII – Other forms of Diablerie VIII – An Omnibus Chapter IX – The Secret of Garrywhin and other tales X – Seaboard Gleanings XI – Legends of Strathhalladale XII – Gruesome Doings XIII – Hugh Campbell the Blacksmith and Other Worthies XIV – Donald of the Ben; Sandy Simpson's Conversion XV – Feel Annag XVI – Gollie; also Deaf Finlay XVII – The Willans: an unconventional family</p>	1937

	XVIII – Donald of the Geese XIX – Catechists and Catechisings [1 volume]	
MUN/5/32	'My Garden and Other Poems' by Margaret Henderson, the book has a handwritten note in the inside page – 'written by Nan Henderson late of Ormlie Lodge, Thurso. A Thurso Lady' [1 volume]	1896
MUN/5/33	'Autobiographical Journal of John Macdonald, schoolmaster and Soldier, 1770-1830' edited by A. Mackay [1 volume]	1906
MUN/5/34	'Poetry of North East Scotland' edited by James Alison [1 volume]	1976
MUN/5/35	'Div Ye Mind, a miscellany by Caithness Writers for folks at home and abroad' two copies [2 volumes]	c.1950
MUN/5/36	'Caithness in Pictures, the historic northernmost county where Scotland ends at John O'Groats' printed by John Brown printers of Nottingham specially for Arthur Bruce, Booksellers Wick, D.M. Mackenzie, John O'Groats House Hotel and Malcolm and Tait Booksellers Thurso [1 booklet]	c.1970
MUN/5/37	'The Story of Lybster' by W. G. Mowat [1 booklet]	1959
MUN/5/38	'Caithness Your Home' contains writings of prose, poetry and song by local authors including Neil Gunn and John Horne [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN/5/39	'Over the Ord' by Herbert Sinclair, contain photographs, facts and stories from the county of Caithness [1 volume]	c.1970
MUN/5/40	'John O'Groats' by Bill Mowat, edited by J.A. Hamilton, a history of John O'Groats with photographs [1 booklet]	c.1970
MUN/5/41	'Sketches of Sutherland' by Kathleen Wylie, small book of black and white ink sketches of buildings and scenes in Sutherland [1 small volume]	c.1970
MUN/5/42	'Spittal Caithness' by Archie Sinclair, a large booklet containing the history of the flagstone quarry at Spittal [1 large booklet]	c.1980
MUN/5/43	'Thor 1983' this is the Thurso High School magazine [1 booklet]	1983
MUN/5/44	'Ultina Thule' a publication from what looks to be a publication from Dounreay Staff, including stories,	April 1961

	poems and jokes [1 booklet]	
MUN/5/45	'The Miller Magazine' school magazine of the Miller Academy in Thurso [1 booklet]	June 1913