

The Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare

Health and health-related oral history archives.

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This scoping out project began on 05 January 2015 and concluded on 30 April 2015 and was undertaken by Dr David Walker (Scottish Oral History Centre, University of Strathclyde). The aim of the project was to make more accessible a rich vein of existing historical evidence on health history and health cultures in Scotland through a systematic survey of extant oral evidence across archives, libraries, museums and private collections across the country. The resulting data set may be useful to:

- a) Staff who may be considering research and/or research funding bids based on such oral evidence
- b) Students for UG and Masters dissertations and PhD theses
- c) Partnerships with HLF groups, museums and heritage centres

The project was conducted by searching on-line catalogues, visiting archives and using email and telephone to make contact with those most likely to own or know of oral history sources. This included various academic and archive staff working within Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian, Strathclyde, Stirling, and West of Scotland universities. Contact was also made with East Dunbartonshire Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverclyde and Culture NL (North Lanarkshire) museums as well as the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre and the National Mining Museum. Contact was also made with Lothian Health Services, Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board, the Royal College of Nursing, the UK Centre for the History of Nursing and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in both Glasgow and Edinburgh. Other sources were also sought on Orkney, Shetland, Dumfries and Galloway as well as in the Scottish Borders. The responses received can be seen in the list which follows which outlines the level of data currently held.

This can be added to and built upon in the future as we discover more archived material and new projects are completed. Please mail Dr Walker (david.walker@strath.ac.uk) or Prof McIvor (a.mcivor@strath.ac.uk) if you are aware of any material that should be added. Many thanks.

CHILDHOOD

Scottish Oral History Centre Archive, University of Strathclyde Child Welfare in Scotland (SOHCA/011/01-08)

Collection of eight interviews with respondents who experienced life in residential care or foster homes. All 8 interviews are fully transcribed. Restricted access.

East Lothian Museums Service (<http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/>)

East Lothian's Education Authority applied a programme of medical checks throughout the schools in its area. This public programme was instituted before the formation of the National Health Service in 1948. Born in 1909, Miss Anna McCleod spent her working life as a nurse. Much of this time was spent as a district school nurse in East Lothian. Some audio clips from the interviews are available on SCRAN but the sound archive is held at the John Gray Centre, Haddington, East Lothian

SCRAN 000-000-470-432-C (This audio clip is 1.13MB in size and 1:13 long)

'I will say for East Lothian, their work with the school children was marvellous any child who wore glasses, their name was taken and there was an eye specialist came down from Edinburgh, regularly and those children were tested and if they needed any attention the mother and the child's fare was paid. Wherever they had to go they got their treatment. It was the same with their eyes, ear, nose and throat.'

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'We had one visit, oh I thought I'd never in my life seen anything like it! The ear, nose and throat man decided that they needed their tonsils out. You got an ambulance and I would have about fifteen or twenty of these children to get their tonsils out and we took them to Belhaven and we got two wards there. You took your children into the theatre, they were done and you looked after them. We used to come home about nine o'clock at night. We did three days there and there were night nurses for them. The ear, nose and throat man used to say he'd never saw tonsil children get so much attention in their lives!'

Glasgow Caledonian University Archives (Contact archivist Carole McCallum)

GCU Archives Witness Seminar and Open Forum recordings:

The Role of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children in the Development of Child Protection, 5 November 2005

COMMUNITY MEDICINE

British Library Sound Archive: Oral History of General Practice, 1936-1952 (Catalogue C648)

Some GPs born in Scotland discuss early career decisions before moving to England e.g. Walter Shaw, born Motherwell 1907; Alan Laidlaw, born Airdrie 1924;

Scottish Oral History Centre (SOHC) SOHCA/023/05 Dr Ronald Douglas, GP

Interviewed as part of the M74 Project. Qualified 1960, worked in Royal Infirmary as houseman from 1960 to 1963. Worked at family-run GP surgery on Glasgow's southside from 1963 to 1975. Although other issues are discussed Dr Douglas comments widely on many of the issues he dealt with whilst working as a GP in the South Laurieston (Gorbals) area of Glasgow

Interview available in .WAV and .MP3 format. Fully transcribed

(SOHC) Dr Kenneth Collins

Dr Collins holds interviews conducted by his late mother (a GP) with 75 of her former patients who lived in the Ibrox/Govan area. The interviews were conducted during 1989 and 1990 and are in cassette form. Plans are underway for these recordings to be digitised and accessioned to the SOHCA.

Tobar an Dualchais- Kist o Riches (<http://www.tobarandualchais.co.uk/>)

A web based archive which holds 34,000 recordings. Some of these recordings have short sound clips which refer to the many and varied local and traditional herbal remedies used across the highlands and islands of Scotland

Speaking for a Change: An Oral History of General Practice in Paisley

University of Sheffield, SchHARR (School of Health and Related Research)

An oral history of general practice in Paisley. Graham Smith Interviews with 31 GPs about locality and the diffusion of medical knowledge and innovation c.1950-1990

The recordings and accompanying documentation are currently in the process of being archived with the University of Glasgow.

<http://personal.rhul.ac.uk/usjd/135/shortdesc.htm>

Scottish Jewish Archives Centre (Contact Harvey Kaplan at <http://www.sjac.org.uk/>)

Some interviews that include a little bit about people becoming nurses or GPs etc. - eg Dr Emil Glasser, Rosa Sacharin (nurse/tutor).

SJAC also hold copy transcripts of the Gathering the Voices series of interviews with former refugees (see: <http://www.gatheringthevoices.com/>).

The testimonies are life histories of the refugees' many of whom went on to play important roles in medicine and health-related subject areas.

Mallaig Heritage Centre, Mallaig: Mallaig Oral History Project (<http://www.mallaigheritage.org.uk/>)

2010.006/1 Interview with Mrs Jean Macaskill (81 minutes)

Mrs Macaskill was born in Inverie and brought up in Inverie and Mallaig where her mother was the GP from 1913 to 1939. Mrs Macaskill was born in 1913. During the interview she mentions various aspects of her mother's work such as medicines prescriptions, delivery of babies and pulling of teeth but also discusses issues with transport and accommodation as well as the 'flu' epidemic following World War 1.

The North East Folklore Archive: Formartine Oral History Project
(<http://www.nefa.net/archive/collections/form01.htm>)

The collection consists of about 120 hours of reminiscences, songs and conversations recorded on CD by a number of oral history groups in the Formartine area of Aberdeenshire. Under the management of The Formartine Partnership, funding was secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the work began in 2002. The interviews can be accessed at Balmedie Library, School of Scottish Studies, Edinburgh University. Elphinstone Institute, University of Aberdeen. Within this collection are:

FP030606 27/03/2006 MARY WEBSTER, Abbeyfield House, Turriff

Mary was born on 30 January 1908 at the Richmond Arms Hotel Rhynie, which her father owned after he returned from the Boer War. She recalls her father did a number of jobs after that, including working as a manager for the local forestry near Aberdeen, farmed at Damhead, Portsoy, Morayshire, and was a factor at Ladybrooks of Fairley near Cults, where Mary went to school in West Cults. She recalls that she always wanted to be a nurse and after school she worked in a chemist in Banchory until she was 18 and old enough to go to nursing training. She started her training in 1927, and worked in various hospitals including Aberdeen City Hospital, Woodend, Dundee Materntiy, Kings Cross Fever Hospital, and Edinburgh where she qualified in 1935 as a Queen's Nurse and went to work in Dundonald in Ayrshire. Mary talks about the discipline and cleanliness in the hospitals then, and about treatment for tuberculosis. She says Matrons were the best thing ever in hospitals because they ran everything. Mary had a burst ulcer in 1937 and was in danger of losing her career but instead of having an operation, she went on a special diet. Her friend Edna in Turriff was a district nurse and it was agreed Mary would come and help her, and she started there in 1939, and was in Turriff for 31 years until she retired in 1970. Mary talks about how hard the work was pre-NHS, and how people paid 4 old pence for the nurse. Their pay improved after the NHS started, but they could be on call 24hrs a day and only had 21days holidays and were paid less than hospital nurses. She talks again about maternity work as a district nurse and tells two stories about 'tinkers' giving birth in the field and in a barn. From Dundonald there was lots of maternity work, Mary says there were 13 cases a week in Barrhead, and how squatters would be giving birth on the floors! No-one had a child in hospital then. The doctors only came to help when necessary and a Dr Roach would ski to remote cases during winter. Mary compares today's student nurses with her day and how hard they had to work. The Queen's Nurses no longer exists, but the nursing college of Queen Margaret is still run from Edinburgh. She says she would do it all over again despite it being different. She recalls her colleagues who made her laugh and could get into trouble from the Matron. She again criticises modern nursing training for giving students too much head knowledge before they do any practical. The interview ends with Pat thanking her, and Mary saying it was a good talk (CD)

FP010719 13/01/2007 Dr. ALEXANDER TAYLOR, Fyvie

Dr Taylor was born in Fife, his father was a banker; didn't live long there, moved to Aberdeenshire, went to Banchory Academy, then Aberdeen Uni to do a medical degree, which he graduated in 1950; he talks about his first job in Orkney as a GP, then when married, moved to Lancashire to work; patients mainly miners who were suffering silicosis; did that for 3 years; Dr Taylor went back to work in Orkney islands; worked in Balfour Hospital, Kirkwall, which only had one surgeon, resulting in the GPs having all the work to do; transport was via boat, lifeboat or ferry; moved to Aberdeenshire so children could go to secondary education on mainland; He then spends the rest of the interview talking about his time as a GP in Fyvie, from when he first arrived and was presented with a property 'Ythanside' by Sir Ian Forbes-Leith of Fyvie Castle, as the previous doctor's house was needed for Castle staff, to the challenges of running a practice in a parish with 1700 patients which would increase when Rothienorman was added. Dr Taylor talks about the people in Fyvie, living conditions in the village, common ailments, the new Fyvie Health Centre, incomers from the oil industry to the village, prescription medicine, the Fyvie pharmacist,

Aberdeen Medical School, how he became a medical examiner for the Civil Aviation Authority in 1973 and carried on that duty until he retired in 1993. He was able to keep up his interest in medicine after being appointed Chair of the Grampian Health Care Trust; he bemoans the lack of community spirit compared with the early days in the village, and says people don't know each other anymore, he ends by praising the medical staff in hospitals today after going in for an appointment himself; his son and grandson are both doctors and he says he would do it all again given the chance, but perhaps work in hospitals instead. (CD)

Orkney Museums Sound Archive

(Contact Museum: <http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/html/archive.htm>)

This is a collection of more than 200 interviews covering a wide range of topics some of which refer to health issues. Prominent amongst the collection are interviews:

OSA/103 and OSA/104, interviews with Mrs Ruth McInroy who discusses issues relating to her father and grandfather (both Dr Sinclairs) who practised in Orkney from the 1880s to the 1940s.

OSA/120 – interview with Dr Alec Smith who worked as the GP in South Ronaldsay and Burray.

Other examples include comments on accidents and:

OSA/142 interview with Sidney Scott who lived in North Ronaldsay and who discusses diphtheria, smallpox, leprosy, ministers, doctors, large families, church, schools

The City of Edinburgh Museums and Galleries

(Contact: <http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Contact-Us.aspx>)

EDR 2002.0438.001 - The Self Help Movement

This project examines the rise of the self-help movement in Scotland from the early 19th century, which led to the foundation of co-operative societies, friendly societies, trades unions, guilds and many other organisations. In 1911 the National Health Insurance Act was passed. People earning up to £150 per year had to register with an 'approved' friendly society. Both the person and his employer paid towards a weekly stamp and the person was then entitled to certain benefits, such as medical care. The SCRAN website contains many sound clips from this project, e.g.

000-000-501-852-C; 000-000-501-853-C; 000-000-501-899-C; 000-000-501-903-C;
000-000-501-904-C; 000-000-501-905-C; 000-000-501-869-C; 000-000-501-906-C;
000-000-501-900-C

University of Edinburgh: School of Scottish Studies Archive

(Contact curator cathlin.macaulay@ed.ac.uk)

SA1988.72A – William Salton

Discussion about remedies for bronchial problems

SA1988.72E - William Salton

Discusses remedies to cure pneumonia, pleurisy, bronchitis, home cures

SA2006.066 - Robert Weir, Penicuik Oral History Resource

Spanish flu epidemic, health, community

SA2007.010 – Kate McDonald, Mairi MacInnes

Scots trad, health, diet, health cures

SA2009.018 – Eileen Mairi McColl

Scots trad, childbirth in rural area, biography of doctor, health, medicine

SA1988.72A – William Salton
Discussion about remedies for bronchial problems

SA1988.72E - William Salton
Discusses remedies to cure pneumonia, pleurisy, bronchitis, home cures

SA1970.291.B3– Comments on healing cures and herbal remedies

SA1970.297.A5 – Comments on healing cures and herbal remedies

DISABILITY

North Lanarkshire Council Oral History Archive

One interview relating specifically to disability (no details)

Contact: Jenny Noble, Curator, 01236 856374

National Museum of Scotland –Scottish Life Archives

Fife Disability Collection (23 mini discs). Mainly group Interviews from the early 90s with disabled people. Themes include childhood, schooldays, supported employment, sign language and deaf clubs, holidays, industrial accidents, disabled sport, blindness.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Society for the Blind (14 mini discs). Mainly life history interviews with blind people – themes include family life, education, work, ill-health, relationships, discrimination. Uncatalogued interviews also held in the collection which focus on the Fife partially-sited groups

Ayrshire Sound Archive, Coal Mining Interviews. Mainly on tape and not fully transcribed but contains some good material on community support for disabled workers, mining disasters

British Library Sound Archive: Disability Voices

Oral histories of the experiences of disabled people which is split in to several categories:

Cerebral Palsy: one Scottish contributor, Bill Hill, b1936 in Hamilton

Hearing Loss: twelve (12) Scottish contributors: Wesley Ball, Margaret and William Falconer, Jim Hudson, Bill Jones, Joyce Jones, Gerry Leeper, Colin Lennox, Jean McNab, Patricia Middlesmiss, Jean Sneddon and Ann Thallon.

National Museum of Scotland – Scottish Life Archives

WEA Salt of the Earth Collection

Fife Mark II interviews include discussion on disability, mental health issues and disability organisations

Scottish Council on Deafness (Glasgow office)

Numerous oral history interview recordings with hearing disabled people across Scotland undertaken for several Heritage Lottery Fund projects covering topics such as work, Second World War, family-life and schooldays. DVD compilations available (copies in the SOHC). Access restricted via contact directly with SCD.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

University of Stirling

Contact was made with Professor Andrew Watterson at Stirling University. He commented on research work undertaken but that these were not oral history projects as such but mainly health research projects where the NHS and University ethics committees require the destruction of records unless individuals otherwise consent. However, he noted that 'several of the interviews in several of the projects happened to contain material that would be of value to oral historians. He has interviews with health workers, crofters and firefighters on other research projects but would need to contact those interviewed for consent to make them available to an archive otherwise this would breach ethics.'

Strathclyde University Archives

GB249/T-Occupational and Environmental Diseases Association (OEDA)

There are some audio recordings within this archive which have yet to be fully explored. However, the audio recordings are thought not to be oral histories but DVD/VHS copies of old media programmes etc. which may still be of value to researchers.

HOSPITALS AND ASYLUMS

Dundee University Archives: Strathmartine Hospital, 1853-1976

GB254/THB8/18 Audio Cassette Recording of Mr. Airth & Mr. Hargreaves [by] Neil Fraser (Audio cassette recording made in 1985)

- A new oral history project is currently underway about Strathmartine Hospital. Once completed the digital recordings will be deposited with the University of Dundee archives.

Dundee University Archives: Sunnyside Royal Hospital

GB254/THB23/20: Sunnyside Royal Hospital Audio Cassettes and CD

Mar1982 Reminiscences of Miss Helen Muir, Part One: Miss Helen Muir was Vegetable Maid at the Royal Asylum of Montrose in 1922. Recorded by [Kenneth Keddie]. 1 cassette

THB23/20/2 21 Mar1982 Reminiscences of Miss Helen Muir, Part Two Miss Helen Muir was Vegetable Maid at the Royal Asylum of Montrose in 1922. Recorded by [Kenneth Keddie]. 1 cassette

THB 23/20/2 Aug 2008 CD copy of audio cassettes; Reminiscences of Miss Helen Muir, Parts One and Two, recorded 21 Mar 1982.

Greater Glasgow NHS Board Archive

GB 812 HB 74: McKenzie Oral History of Glasgow Medical School

Following his retirement in 1979, Dr McKenzie embarked on the compilation of a videotaped oral history of the Glasgow medical school and of Glasgow medicine generally.

45 video-recorded interviews with doctors, nurses, professors and others associated with medical and university life in Glasgow, 1930s-70s. Interviews conducted 1984-93. The reminiscences refer to the whole span of the twentieth century. Transcripts of some interviews are available.

Project Ability: Lennox Castle Stories

Lennox Castle Stories is an HLF funded online collection of memories and stories, told by the ex-residents and hospital staff of Lennox Castle Hospital in the form of creative images, videos and text. The interviews are stored online at the Lennox castle webpages:

www.lennoxcastlestories.co.uk

They also printed an autobiography of a former patient.

<http://www.project-ability.co.uk/shop/item/i-myself-marie-christie>

Lothian Health Services Archive (held at Edinburgh University Library)

GD/30/10 Dingleton Hospital Melrose, Items relating to History of Dingleton Hospital, 1972-2000, oral history, 5 cassettes

Lothian Health Services Archive

Oor Mad History, Oral History Project, 2009-2011 (Acc 11/030)

This project collected oral history testimonies from mental health service users within the Lothian region. The collection contains 70 interviews and transcripts on CD.

North Lanarkshire Council Oral History Archive

Within this collection there are 15 (approx) interviews relating specifically to mental health institutions in Lanarkshire

University of Edinburgh: School of Scottish Studies Archive

SC1987.17.B1 – Dan Williamson

Discusses first connections with Lennox Castle Hospital

SC1987.17.B2 – Dan Williamson

Talks in detail about working at Lennox Castle Hospital

SC1987.17, A1

Interviews with Tommy Duffy, a former nurse who from 1935 worked at Stoneyetts Hospital
This hospital handled 'epileptic colony' and 'mental defectives'. Moved to Lennox Castle
Hospital 1986

MD1997.17 (SA1997.39-40 + transcriptions) Royal Edinburgh Hospital

2nd Year Study which utilised oral history. Charts history of use of grounds as market
gardens making hospitals self-sufficient. Includes ideas about attitudes to mental health

MEDICAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY/ FORENSIC MEDICINE

British Library Sound Archive: History of the Common Cold Unit

Thirty four interviews conducted between 1994 and 1997 by Dr David Tyrrell, recording the memories of those who worked at the Common Cold Unit in Salisbury from 1957 until its closure in 1990. Amongst the interviewees are two Scots, Hamish McEwan and John Wallace.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh - Online

<http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/library-archives/dr-tom-chalmers>

This is a video interview about the life and work of Dr Tom Chalmers

<http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/library-archives/dr-ian-campbell>

This is a video interview about the life and work of Dr Ian Campbell

<http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/library-archives/sir-john-crofton>

This is a video interview about the life and work of Sir John Crofton

<http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/library-archives/w-alexander-mb-chb-frcped-1890-1976>

This is an audio interview about the life and work of Dr William Alister Alexander

<http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/library-archives/sir-stanley-davidson-1894-1981>

This is an audio interview about the life and work of Sir Stanley Davidson

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh – Sibbald Library

EXH/MMV/1/1: Interview with Bruce Young by Dr Malcolm Merrick (1999) (Cassette)

Dr Bruce Young (1915-?) was a retired radiologist.

Side 1 'Childhood and Pre-Radiology Experience 1915-1958' - discusses early life in China.

Father a missionary and ran a hospital conducting x-rays (died of leukaemia) Returned to

UK 1929. Studied at University of Edinburgh - discusses structure of medical degree; 10

women in intake. Qualified 1939. No radiology training. System for requesting x-rays at

Chalmers Hospital. Registered as conscientious objector in Second World War and spent

war in a mission hospital at Jalna, India. Describes voyage 1941. Describes hospital and

Indian staff. On his return studied for his FRCS and worked as instructor in Anatomy

Department. How hospital was funded in Poona by skin for payment in equipment from

wealthy patients (23 minutes). Worked in Assam 1946-1957 as Principal Medical Officer and

surgeon to a tea company near Dibrugarh. Returned to UK 1958 and told by John Bruce that

there was a great need for radiologists.

Side 2 'Early Radiology Experience 1959-1964' - six of them studied for Diploma in Medical

Radio Diagnosis for two years under Eric Samuel. Afterwards he got a research job with

Samuel. Discusses staff at different Edinburgh hospitals eg Hunter and Copeland at Western

General; range of procedures; and size of the department at Royal Infirmary. Mammography

(12 minutes). Ultrasound machine bought by the Simpson Memorial Maternity Hospital

c1963 (15 minutes). Placentography. Selection for mammography (23 minutes). Pat Forrest

very supportive and suggested mass screening. Unit at Longmore Hospital. Retired 1980

Access is by appointment. Certain records may be confidential and access is restricted

according to relevant legislation.

EXH/MMV/1/2: Interview with Bruce Young by Dr Malcolm Merrick

Dr Bruce Young (1915-?) was a retired radiologist. Poor sound quality until 7 minutes.

Side 1 'Corrections and Omissions to first tape, Ultrasound, Radiographer involvement' -

corrections and omissions to information he gave on MMV/1/1 eg David Lindsay proceeded

him at the Simpson Memorial Maternity Hospital. Discusses his time as SHO at Royal

Infirmary (9 minutes) with Eric Samuel. Military Radiography Service. Retirement of Professor

Eric Samuel and appointment of successor. Course in ultrasound c1964. Ultrasound at the Simpson and the Royal. Not much interest until a real time machine purchased. Diasonagraph and Kretz machines. Selection of patients (24 minutes). Background to involvement of radiographers in ultrasound - foetal heart, BPDs [biparietal diameter], sighting placenta. Abdominal ultrasound.

Side 2 'Mammography, Thermography, Retirement' - background to mammography and building their own machine. Inaccuracy of thermography. Zero radiography. Use of radiography with burns patients. Installation of ultrasound in Qatar after retirement. Worked as locum at the Simpson and the changes.

EXH/MMV/1/4: Interview with Professor John Strong by Dr Malcolm Merrick (1999)

Merrick mentions that Martin Eastwood had already conducted an interview with Strong in 1995 and he did not intend to cover the same subjects.

Side 1 - training in radiology at Trinity College, Dublin [Ireland]; experience with radiology at Gloucester Royal Infirmary; use of radioisotopes in endocrinology; x ray facilities when a ship's doctor and at the British Military Hospital in Calcutta; war time experience in India; anti-malarial treatments; field ambulances.

Side 2 - membership examinations in India; residency at Fulham Hospital; side room testing; radiology; training at various London [England] hospitals for membership which he sat in March 1946 on the advice of Gordon Holmes; details cases he had to describe for his examination; worked at West London Hospital as most senior non-consultant; use of BMRs and radio-iodine; divide between consultants private and public work such as Redvers Ironside; appointments as assistant then senior lecturer in Edinburgh [Scotland]; administration of hospitals in Edinburgh [Scotland] before and after the NHS; staffing of the Western General Hospital and preference for non-Edinburgh graduates of Stanley Davidson; types of cases seen at Northern General Hospital

Side 3 - diagnostic use of iodine and sodium 23; endoscopes; thyroid course at Amersham; Hunter Carmichael; range of diagnostic techniques in 1950s; Department of Clinical Chemistry at the Northern General (26 minutes); radioimmunoassay

Side 4 - development of in vitro techniques such as radioimmunoassay in late 1950s and early 1960s; gathering samples for analysis including at Carstairs; first rectilinear scanner and CAT or CT scanners at the Western General; failure of treatment with cyclotron and John Mallard; benefits of nuclear medicine; the Black report; whether a general physician still exists

EXH/MMV/1/5: Interview with Professor Ronald Girdwood by Julia Merrick (1992)

Girdwood was Professor of Therapeutics at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (1962–82), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (1975–79), and President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (1982–85).

Content - childhood illnesses; student life at University of Edinburgh including lectures by E B Jamieson and Sydney Smith; University of Edinburgh Church of Scotland Society and the nature of their impromptu debate; influence of Stanley Davidson and Derrick Dunlop; reason for not joining the Royal Medical Society; thwarted ambition to be neuro-surgeon; improvement in treatment of meningitis; developed his interest in blood disorders; how he became Professor of Therapeutics and establishment of clinical pharmacology; wartime service including blood transfusions for Japanese prisoners of war; public awareness of medical procedures (33 minutes); experiences of examining students on cases and use of spy services to pass exams; retirement speeches; Committee on Safety of Medicines as result of thalidomide.

EXH/STJ/4/2/9: The Conference Centre - J A S Recorded by Alec Keay 22.3.93

Papers of Professor Strong. The recording of Professor Strong on the genesis of the Conference Centre was made at the request of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. The subjects he discusses: the need for something more tangible to result from the Tercentenary celebrations; appeal in 1970s defeated by galloping inflation;

Prince Charles' support of continuing medical education and the conference centre; experience of the London and Glasgow Colleges and the impact of new facilities on their ability to provide continuing education; plans for the new centre eg concourse with good circulation of space and examination space; suggestion by Croom Committee to move the College and objections; 1970s appeal raised just over £250,000 - 80% from fellows and members - and created new seminar rooms and accommodation upgrading; £1million was goal for new appeal (later increased to £1.5million) - to buy land, demolish existing warehouses and build centre; issue of rates bill; fellows and members approached first before industry and charitable trusts; importance of independence of Colleges; Sir John Crofton chaired Appeal Committee and success due in large part to him; no professional fund raisers employed unlike with the 1970s appeal; role of Dr Ian Campbell, College Treasurer; Dr James Syme chaired Building Committee; Dr George Simpson wrote the brief; Kenneth Ryden and Gordon Milne gave their time and skills freely. Approximately 15 minutes – one side one only.

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow GB 250 RCP SG 18: Oral History of Glasgow Medical School

Transcripts of tapes and video recordings of eminent people made by Dr Peter McKenzie. Peter McKenzie graduated from Glasgow University with the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MB, ChB) with commendation in 1938 and the Diploma in Public Health (DPH) in 1940. He became a member of the Royal College of Physicians of Glasgow in 1962 and a Fellow in 1966. His posts included Consultant Physician, Belvedere Hospital of Infectious Diseases and Regional Adviser in Infectious Diseases for Western Regional Health Board (Scotland). He was the author of 'Intestinal Infections' in Gillespie and Thomson's Gastroenterology in 1972 and joint author of 'Treatment of Pneumococcal meningitis with Cephaloridine' in the *Postgraduate Medical Journal* in 1970 and 'Lincomycins in the Treatment of Bacteroides Infections' in the *British Medical Journal* in 1972. He died in 1994.

Interviews include:

Professor Stanley Alstead, Emeritus Professor of Materia Medica, University of Glasgow
Professor David Fyfe Anderson, Muirhead Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, the Royal Maternity and the Royal Infirmary from 1946 to 1970.

Dr Norrie Bruce, Fellow R.C.P.S.G.

Sir David Cuthbertson, Biochemist.

Professor Donald Campbell C.B.E., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Glasgow.

Sir Alec Cairncross, Chancellor of Glasgow University.

Dr Robert Fife, formerly Chief of Wards, Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Professor Charles Fleming, C.B.E., formerly Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Glasgow.

Professor Sir Abraham Goldberg, holder of the Regius Chair of Medicine, University of Edinburgh.

Professor Robert Goudie, St Mungo Professor of Pathology in Glasgow Royal Infirmary from 1970-1987.

Dr Robert T. Hutcheson, M.A., PhD., LL.D., formerly Registrar to the University of Glasgow.

Professor J. Holmes Hutchison, Paediatrician and former President, R.C.P.S.G.

Professor Arthur Kennedy, President R.C.P.S.G.

Mr A.B. Kerr, former President R.C.P.S.G.

Dr Sam Lazarus, formerly Chief of Wards, Southern General Hospital.

Professor Edward McGirr, C.B.E., former President R.C.P.S.G.

William Reid, F.R.C.S.

Professor William Arthur Mackey, former St Mungo Professor, Royal Infirmary.

Sir William Weipers, former Professor of Veterinary Surgery, University of Glasgow.

Dr Joseph Wright, former President R.C.P.S.G.

Further deposit received from Dr Mary McKenzie on 8 March 1996.

Dr Peter McKenzie interviewed by Mr William Reid.

Interviews were conducted by Dr Peter McKenzie between 1984 and 1987 and transcribed by his wife, Dr Mary McKenzie.

RCPSG 1 College History Project

Interviews conducted by Dr Andrew Hull, Wellcome Unit.

Dr Gavin Shaw. Tapes and transcript plus curriculum vitae.

Sir Thomas James Thomson. Transcript and tapes together with curriculum vitae, article on the Oman Project and Sir Thomas' tribute to Stanley Alstead.

Mr Alistair Paterson FRCS. Transcript.

Dr Robert Fife. Transcript and curriculum vitae.

Professor Norman Mackay. Tape and transcript.

Mr Colin MacKay. Tape and transcript.

Professor Arthur Kennedy. Tapes and transcript.

Professor E.M. McGirr. Tape and transcript.

Mr James McArthur. Tape and transcript.

Mr William Reid. Tapes and transcript.

Mr Alistair Paterson. Tapes and transcript.

Dr Hugh Conway. Transcript and tapes.

Mrs Jane Bryce, daughter of Professor Thomas Gibson. Transcript and tape.

Sir Andrew Watt Kay (embargoed for 30 years).

Mrs Sasha Woolfson, daughter of Professor Noah Morris. Transcript and tapes.

Mr Michael Morris, son of Professor Noah Morris. Transcript and tape.

There is also another oral history project currently underway in 2015:

Details about the project can be found on the library blog at

<http://libraryblog.rcpsg.ac.uk/2014/09/18/quest-blog-oral-history-project/>

Scottish Oral History Centre Archives

SOHCA/052 'The not-so silent witnesses.' Interviews with 10 forensic scientists who discuss their careers and the changing nature of working within the field of forensic science since the closure of the Forensic Science Service. Includes interview with Professor Sue Black, Professor of Anatomy and Forensic Anthropology, University of Dundee

MENTAL HEALTH/PSYCHIATRY

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

EXH/MMV/1/6 Interview with Professor Myre Sim by Julia Merrick (1992) cassette tapes

Myre Sim was a renowned and published psychiatrist. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1970. The three digital recordings are not divided according to the four sides of the tapes.

Side 1 - early education in Edinburgh and growing up in an Orthodox Jewish family; student life at University of Edinburgh; usefulness of memory training developed through anatomy; development of interest in psychiatry; teaching of D K Henderson; reasons of concentration of schizophrenia in the Jewish community; impact of compensation on war neuroses; syllabus of Diploma in Psychiatric Medicine; staff at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen's Square; limitations of analysis; treatments available for mental illness in 1940 including insulin treatment; hypnosis; danger of certain drugs; Alfred Myer neuropathologist at West Park Hospital; Lancelot Hogben.

Side 2 - army service with artillery regiments in Cairo and in psychiatry in Tunisia; did his thesis on the influence of personnel selection on the nature of psychiatric breakdown; analysis of data; treating of deserters and malingerers; prisoners of war who sided with the Germans (13 minutes); treating of a patient who had been a prisoner of war of the Russians and General Ismay's intervention; post-war employment in Birmingham and fellowship child psychiatry; Professor Sir Melville Arnott; history of Midland Nerve Hospital (27 minutes); management of asylums (33 minutes); geriatric service (37 minutes); rehabilitation of prisoners of war and group therapy (39 minutes); teaching medical students and importance of case histories (41 minutes)

Side 3/4 - involvement in hospital and professional committee work in Birmingham 1950-1975; regret over time taken in political work including General Medical Council; pride in his students (14 minutes); clinical trials of drugs and drug misuse (17 minutes); complementary professions including nursing and psychology (21 minutes); Clifford Tetlow including his thesis on puerperal psychosis (27 minutes); membership of Society of Clinical Psychiatrists (30 minutes); opinion on homosexuality and post-traumatic stress disorder (35 minutes)

University of Aberdeen – Special Collections

GB 0231: Interview with Professor William Malcolm Millar (fl 1946 - 1985), Professor Emeritus in Mental Health (Feb 1985) cassette, fully transcribed. Full transcriptions are available online: REF: MS 3620/1/10, MS 3620/14

University of Glasgow Archives

R.D. Laing Collection: Laing f69-92: interviews with Laing

MS Laing Add 1 comprises over 37 hours of film and 82 hours of audio recorded between 5 November and 8 December 1972 during Laing's tour of the USA. The gruelling schedule included New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Virginia, New Orleans, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Diego. This largely unseen footage offers a revealing and in-depth portrait of Laing in both formal and informal situations: speaking to audiences at university campuses, engaging in discussion groups, meeting professional colleagues, conducting media interviews and in private moments of relaxation. The film also depicts Laing's first encounter with the practice of 'rebirthing'.

The collection is arranged into two series: film footage and audio recordings.

MS Laing Add 1/A Film footage

MS Laing Add 1/B Audio soundtrack

University of Edinburgh: School of Scottish Studies Archive

SM1992.21

Dr Una McLean (McLean Healthsearch)

Mental Health Amongst Women of the Western Isles, School of Scottish Studies Seminar

NURSES and NURSING

Royal College of Nursing Archives

Comprises 724 interviews covering period 1893- 2014

(Contact Fiona Bourne, Archives Operational Manager, archives@rcn.org.uk)

This is a collection of oral history interviews with nurses, nursing leaders, Department of Health, National Health Service and Royal College of Nursing (RCN) members and staff from across the United Kingdom and some from overseas. All of the individuals have some vital connection to nursing and relate information about themselves and their careers and experiences in nursing. Most include comments about nursing as a profession politically or historically and some refer to important developments, changes or events.

Most of the interviews were originally recorded on cassette, some on minidisk and more recently digitally as mp3 or wav files. Where possible the RCN Archives has converted these to .wav files, with mp3 copies. Interview transcriptions and recordings are only available by appointment on-site at the RCN Archives in Edinburgh or at the RCN Library and Heritage Centre in London under supervision. Copying is not allowed, but permission can be arranged for use of extracts. Over 400 of the interviews have been conducted by RCN staff or volunteers since 1986, but the RCN Archives also accept donations of interviews from nursing research projects. There are eight original individual research projects included in the collection adding more than 300 interviews to the collection:

T/CI, 'Nursing in the Channel Islands during the World War 2 occupation' - 13

interviews oral history interviews conducted in 1995 with nurses and doctors who worked on the islands during the German occupation of Jersey and Guernsey and with some patients. They talk about health provision and problems created by the occupation. The interviewer Geraldine des Forges retains copyright. Transcriptions are available.

T/GRI, 'Glasgow Royal Infirmary School of Nursing 1938-1945' - 14 interviews with nurses who trained at Glasgow Royal Infirmary during World War 2, recorded by graduate nursing student Margaret Anne Hight of Dalhousie University, Canada during 2000. The collection includes Hight's dissertation. M. A. Hight retains copyright of all recordings and unpublished work. No transcriptions available.

T/IOL, 'District Nursing on the Isle of Lewis' - 20 interviews with retired district nurses conducted 2003-2005 by Catherine Morrison, Senior Nurse Community, Western Isles NHS. Format: CD containing 20 MP3 files. Transcriptions area available - there are no recordings for interviews T/IOL/11, 13 and 14, only transcriptions.

T/MH, 'Mental Health Nursing Oral History Project', Interviews with five individuals about mental health nursing, conducted by John Adams. Estimated length maximum of 560 minutes. Not yet catalogued. No transcriptions available.

T/NT, 'Comparative Study of Nurses' Training in the 1930's & 40's & 2008' Masters research project conducted by Christine Hyatt-Steel during 2008. The project covered Banstead U3A and St George's Hospital and presents issues around nurses views on their training. Transcriptions are available.

T/QNI, 'Perceptions of change: an oral history of District Nursing in Scotland, 1940-1999' - 68 interviews with Scottish district or 'Queen's Nurses' compiled as part of a PhD thesis by Rona Dougall (nee Fergusson). PhD thesis included (2002). The numbering schema used by Dougall has been maintained in this catalogue, pre-fixed by 'T'. Summaries are available for most, with some full transcriptions.

T/TB, 'Contact, Contagion and Communication: The Role of the Nurse in Relation to Tuberculosis (TB) 1930-1970'- 24 interviews with nurses working in fever hospitals with TB

patients. Recorded by Dr Stephanie Kirby. Includes transcriptions. 35 minidisks, not all readable.

T/YH, 'Yorkhill Nurses League Oral History Project' - 41 interviews with nurses who trained and worked at Yorkhill Royal Sick Children's Hospital in Glasgow conducted by the members of the Yorkhill Nurses League, a nurses' alumni group. Transcriptions are available.

NOTE: Janet Greenlees, Glasgow Caledonian University, has recently completed an oral history project on the Queen's Nursing Institute of Scotland and will be submitting this to the RCN archive in the near future.

Also, Catherine Morrison, who completed her PhD on the QNIS, is also due to donate her recordings to the RCN

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

EXH/MMV/1/7: Interview with Miss Osbourne by Julia Merrick (1992)

Comprises three digital recordings with Miss Osbourne who worked as a matron at Central Hospital, Hatton. Appears to be parts of the interview missing between recordings.

Recording 1 - insulin treatment; ECT; Dr Berry; centralisation after the war; changes in training (6 minutes); problem of long stay geriatric patients; improved facilities (15 minutes); factory work for patients (17 minutes); social housing for patients (19 minutes); impact of redundancy (21 minutes); prohibition on patients working (22 minutes)

Recording 2 - changes in care of patients after the war; stock taking of hospital property (3 minutes); describes role of Violet Spratley (see MMV/1/8); use of blankets; central heating of hospital (11 minutes); occupational therapy (20 minutes)

Recording 3 - meal times for the patients; Dr [Clifford] Tetlow's approach to patients 1955; her step-mother's illness (16 minutes); cleaning required when she started her job, the lack of leadership from Dr Thomas and his replacement by Dr Tetlow; role as matron (22 minutes)

EXH/MMV/1/8: Interview with Violet Spratley by Julia Merrick (1992)

Spratley worked at Central Hospital, Hatton. Recording appears to have gaps towards the end.

Content - aeroplane crashed in the grounds during the war and patient evacuation; hospital coal wharf; piles of mattresses kept for patient evacuation to lower wards; role of psychologist and social workers (7 minutes); rehabilitation of patients with music and art; recruitment of nurses (9 minutes 40); patients allowed to wear their own clothes (12 minutes); dentistry (14 minutes); formality of relations staff (15 minutes); standards of dress and behaviour of nurses (21 minutes); religion of patients and staff (23 minutes)

Lothian Health Services Archive

GD1/42 Isa Beattie, Nurse. An oral history of Isa Beattie who was born in June 1906. She trained as a nurse at Leith Hospital in Edinburgh in the 1920s. She became a midwife and later worked as a health visitor.

GD1/60/ Jill Birrell, An oral history of Thomas Clouston Clinic Royal Edinburgh Hospital from 1945 to date. Audiotapes of interviews with REH staff (19 cassettes; 3 microcassettes)

University of Edinburgh: School of Scottish Studies Archive

MH1990.08 (SC1990.22.38) – Howard Y. Mitchell (former nurse)

Interviews with former nurses who discuss initiation tricks, mistakes made, eccentric sisters, traditions/beliefs, death rituals, casualty stories, midwifery, male nurses etc. (18 tapes)

SC1987.17, A1

Interviews with Tommy Duffy, a former nurse who from 1935 worked at Stoneyetts Hospital
This hospital handled 'epileptic colony' and 'mental defectives'. Moved to Lennox Castle
Hospital 1986

MD1993.06 + 06a (Tapes SA1993.05.14) – Catherine Gallacher

District Nursing in the Community 1940-93, The Story of the Queen's Nurses in Scotland
Study based on interviews with former nurses. Scottish Ethnology project 2nd year student

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Ayrshire Sound Archive

(Contact: <http://www.specialcollections.uws.ac.uk/ayrshirearchive.asp>)

Oral history project mainly comprising interviews with elderly residents to recapture life in early 20th century Ayrshire. Currently being held at Burns Monument Centre, Kilmarnock. Please contact Ayrshire Archives to arrange access, opened Tuesday 9.30-1pm : 2-4pm Tel: 01292521819 to arrange appointment. Archive includes:

Coal Mining Interviews – data on health and safety issues, accidents, community support for disabled workers, mining disasters. Mostly cassette tapes – not fully transcribed

British Library Sound Archives

C963: Lives in the Oil Industry

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/sound/ohist/ohnls/nlsoil/oil.html>

C532: Lives in Steel

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelprestype/sound/ohist/ohnls/nlsteel/steel.html>

Glasgow Caledonian University Archives

GCU Archives Witness Seminar and Open Forum recordings
The Asbestos Epidemic: a Scottish Dimension, 19 June 2004

Glasgow Museums Oral History: CSG CIC (These recording are also available at SOHC)

Glasgow Dock Workers: Interviews with former dock workers/crane drivers. Topics include discussion on cargoes handled, dangers associated with work, working conditions, etc. (also held at SOHCA)

Voices from the Yard: Interviews with former shipbuilders who discuss changing nature of industry and conditions of work (also held at SOHCA)

Springburn Lives: This collection has yet to be digitised (cassette only) but does contain discussion about working conditions in the locomotive factory that was once active in the area.

Miners Voices: <http://minersvoices.co.uk/index.html>

Webpages providing sound clips, images and text about the history of mining in the Ayrshire area. Many of the stories relate directly to pit disasters and many are populated with oral history sound clips. Contacted owner of site re full archive list but had no response.

National Museum of Scotland – Scottish Life Archives

WEA Salt of the Earth Collection – The ‘Salt of the Earth’ recordings were taken all over Scotland, including in several mining areas such as Addiewell, Dalkeith and Fife and well as steel works. The topics range considerably from accounts of the working lives to more social aspects like life in a mining village. Contains material related to accidents, health and safety, miner’s welfare clubs, dirty environment, the NHS, home birth, hospitals, TB, home remedies, care, doctors, mental illness.

For example, the Boilermakers’ Retired Members interviews include testimony by former riggers, platers, haulers, welders who all discuss conditions of work and health and safety

issues. The Cowie Group (Stirlingshire) comment on their mining community, illness within the community and access to GPs

National Mining Museum Oral History Collections

Includes Bevan Boys Interviews, 1984-1985

Discussion about strikes and some general life history transcripts. Some material on ill-health, disabling conditions, accidents, health and safety, unemployment, poverty and ill-health. This archive has collected oral testimonies since its beginning and is therefore a work in progress with new material being added each year.

North Lanarkshire Council Oral History Archive – Summerlee Industrial Museum

The collection is created from an amalgamation of local history library and Monklands oral history collection. Also includes WEA Salt of the Earth – Lanarkshire Iron and Steel Oral History Interviews (conducted by Neil Rafeek, Feb 1999-Jan 2000). Interviews cover wide range of topics which are arranged by card index files organised according to the Social and Industrial History classification system. Amongst this collection there are many mentions of industrial work/occupational health issues within the iron industry, steel works, coal mining, brick works, engineering works, confectionary industry and transport.

There are c. 300 taped interviews (170 from local history library/137 Monklands oral history collection/ 13 WEA). Not all are transcribed.

Scottish Oral History Centre Archives (SOHCA)

SOHCA/ - no number

Ian MacDougall: SWPT

Journalists, Leith Seamen, Leith Shipyard Workers, Librarians, Miners, Peebleshire Textile Workers

SOHCA/006/

Stirling Women's Oral History Archive

'Whole-life' interviews with 80 women from the Stirlingshire area of Scotland which includes their experiences of work and the workplace.

SOHCA/015/01-11

Women Workers at ICI Ardeer

Interviews with eleven women and two men who worked in an explosives manufacturing plant in Ardeer, Ayrshire. All interviews fully transcribed. Cassette tapes

SOHCA/016/01-14

Asbestos-related diseases in the West of Scotland

A collection of 14 interviews with professional health care workers who had experience of asbestos related diseases. All interviews transcribed. Cassette tapes

SOHCA/17/01-52

Coal-miners and dust related diseases in the UK

A collection of 52 interviews with former coal-miners from Scotland, South Wales and North Yorkshire. Fully transcribed, Cassette tapes

SOHCA/18/

Occupational Health in Scotland

Includes interviews with a series of OH professionals, doctors, hygienists and nurses associated with the Scottish Occupational Health Service.

Transcriptions and tapes. Some restricted access.

SOHCA/20/

Linwood Car Plant, Renfrewshire

Consists of 100 interviews covering all aspects of work experience at this plant
Cassette tapes and no transcriptions

SOHCA/21/01-5

Asbestos - The impact on the workers and their families in Inverclyde, 1945 -1980

Interviews with five people living in Inverclyde who have been affected by asbestos. Fully transcribed

SOHCA/22/01-9

Chemical Workers – Occupational Health and Safety

Interviews with 9 people (5 from Scotland) who discuss working conditions, impact on health of working in chemical industry. Fully transcribed, cassette tapes since fully digitised

SOHCA/28/01-2

Men's work in heavy industries in Glasgow

Interviews with two men about working in heavy industry

SOHCA/042/01-21

Working Lives

Interviews with 21 people employed in and around Glasgow area in a wide variety of occupations. Discussion centres on working conditions, accidents and injuries. This is an on-going project. Digital recordings: .wav and mp3, no transcriptions or summaries

SOHCA – no archive number

Reserved Occupations

Interviews with 51 people who discuss their roles of working in reserved occupations during the period 1939-45 (and beyond). Discussions on working conditions, accidents and injuries, worker fatigue

SOHCA – no archive number

ICL/Stockline Plastics Factory Explosion

Interviews with employees of this firm which exploded on May 2004 killing 9 and injuring 40, many seriously

SAPPHIRE - Scottish Archive of Print and Publishing History Records: Queen Margaret University

The bulk of the material is a collection of oral history recordings of personal reminiscences of former and current employees within the print and publishing industry. Many of the interviews explore welfare provision, working conditions, hours of work, changes in technology and working practices. Includes:

Wayzgoose: A Social History of Printers' Outings in the 20th Century Scotland. 'Wayzgoose' is a term formerly used in the UK to describe the annual social outings organised by unions and management in the publishing and printing trades. These form a long tradition dating back to the earliest days of printing and the forms of work and social organisation that characterised it. The Wayzgoose was a major fixture in the working calendar of staff of Scottish publishing and printing firms. Interviews with 20 former printers and papermakers.

UK Data Service

Fishing Community and Industry: East Anglia and North East Scotland, 1870-1950

Topics discussed include fishing industry; employment; work; family life; towns; labour and employment; social history; religion; leisure; local communities;crofting; politics; working class; education; household work strategies

Effects of Incentive Payment Systems, United Kingdom, 1977-1980

A large-scale comparative study of the effects of introducing new reward schemes to encourage better performance at work supplemented by in-depth studies at a small number of organisations. Self-completion questionnaires followed by oral interviews.

Church of Scotland Industrial Mission Project

Interviews touch upon the depth of sectarianism in the Scottish workplace, the volatility of industrial relations, alcoholism, and the problem of industrial closures and the issue of redundancies. Interviews conducted with 10 retired industrial chaplains who had participated in the Church of Scotland industrial chaplains' scheme (age range late 50s to 80s); (2) 2 retired company managers with experience of the industrial chaplain scheme (age range 60s and 70s) and (3) retired trade union officials with experience of industrial chaplain scheme (age range 60s to 70s).

National Sound Archive: Oral History Collection, 1890-

Includes interviews connected with 'Lives in Steel' and 'Lives in the Oil Industry' oral history projects

Family Life and Work Experience Before 1918, 1870-1973

An oral history project which examined social life and social change during this period, focusing upon work experience and family and community life.

Workers Educational Association (WEA) Scotland

Bathgate Once More: The Story of the BMC/Leyland Truck and Tractor Plant, 1961-86

Within this collection there are interviews with Jim Smith, former worker at the plant, who discusses the introduction of the HSWA 1974 to the plant and his participation during a strike to improve health and safety conditions. The collection of oral histories, photographs and documents is the result of an 18 month social history education project to research, record and preserve the story of the Bathgate BMC/Leyland Truck and Tractor plant in West Lothian, from the point of view of the people who worked in the industry. Many of the project activities took place during 2011 - the 50th anniversary of the opening of the plant and the 25th anniversary of its closure. More than 200 people have contributed to the project, including 59 former workers who have shared their personal, first-hand knowledge and experiences of the plant through taking part in oral history interviews.

Bathgate Once More was led by the Workers Educational Association Scotland in partnership with the Bennie Museum, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, Simpson Primary School, the STUC Archives, West Lothian Local History Library and West Lothian Trades Council. Material gathered as part of the project will be preserved in the West Lothian Local History Library for future generations to learn from and enjoy.

Sound clips available on SCRAN are: 005-000-005-246-C; 005-000-005-249-C

University of Edinburgh: School of Scottish Studies Archive

SA2000.027 – Leslie Bowran (Sutherland)

Scots Tradition, crofting, working, wages, health

SA1987.64.41 – Alexander Sampson

Discusses how working in the mining industry damages health, conditions of work, safety provisions

SA2004.009 – Eddie Drummond

Talks about coal mining accident and death

SA1990.109 – John O'Neil, Joe Baird, Kenny Blair

Former riveters who worked in Port Glasgow discuss wages, industrial disease and injury

SA1990.115 – Cassie Graham

A riveter's wife talks about a woman's role living with riveter, poverty, General Strike, injury

MD1997.03 (Tapes lodged with Steelend Historical and Ethnological Society)
'Occupational Communities without an Occupation: A Short History of the Rise and Decline of Mining Communities in West Fife'
Study of coal-mining in West Fife area, social and economic changes, decline of mining and deindustrialisation

SA1962.16.A18 – Rab Morrison
Former coal miner from 1937 onwards, discusses the work he did, also discusses wages earned

SA1990.47.B19- Brendan Trainer
Comments on collapse of crane during demolition of Kinlochleven Pier

This archive is also home to Ian MacDougall/SLH/SWPHT recordings which include:

Scottish Labour History project 1980s (488 tapes)
Hunger Marchers
Leith Women Workers (11 cassettes)
Hoggies Angels (potato pickers)
Rosewell Project (coal mining)
Bondagers (8 female farm workers)
Roslin Gunpowder Mill workers (9 interviewees)
Leith Dockers (10 interviewees)
Leith Shipyard Workers (2 interviewees)
Onion Johnnies (9 interviewees)
Miners (8 interviewees) verbatim transcripts
Penicuik Paper Mill Workers (33 interviewees) verbatim transcripts
Co-operative Society Workers (14 interviewees)
Railway Workers (23 interviewees)
Peebleshire textile mill workers (transcripts)
Journalists (3 interviewees)
Leith Women Workers (10 interviewees) recorded by Neil Cochrane
Recordings yet to be accessioned by this archive include:
Borders Farm Workers (19 interviewees)
Public Librarians
Other farm workers (Neil MacVicar)
Building trade workers (Brian Masterson)

West Dunbartonshire Council - Clydebank Library Heritage Centre

Oral History YOP Project, 1982: interviews with 41 people who had worked in different industries. Interviewees discuss their working experiences in various local industries including John Brown's, Beardmore, Denny and Scott's shipyards, Singers Sewing Machine factory, Cooperative bakery, (See Appendix for details)

PHARMACY/DRUGS ---

University of Aberdeen Oral History Archive

GB 0231 University of Aberdeen, Special Collections. Ref MS 3620/1/35

Interview with Professor Hans Kosterlitz (1903-1996), (PhD 1936, DSc 1944, LLD 1979),
Professor Emeritus and Director of the Unit for Research on Addictive Drugs, 1973-1996

This is the first of two interviews given by Hans Kosterlitz. MS3620/1/35 and MS3620/1/37

Kosterlitz joined the Department of Physiology as an assistant in 1934. His early work focused on clinical radiology, galactosemia and nutrition, but it was through his later research on the autonomic nervous system and narcotic drugs he achieved worldwide acclaim. His discovery in 1975, of enkephalins earned him fellowship of the Royal Society in 1978, and revolutionised research into the effects of addictive drugs on humans.

Full transcript available.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Typhoid, Aberdeen 1964.

Discovered existence of 49 interviews conducted during the late 1990s -2002 in connection with the outbreak of typhoid in Aberdeen in 1964. Contact made with Professor Lesley Diack, Robert Gordon University, who has possession of interviews. Entered into email discussion with Professor Diack who has indicated a willingness to transfer recordings to SOHC/CSHHH for digitisation and archiving at both institutes. Consulting with collaborators H. Pennington, D. Smith, E. Russell.

UK Data Service.ac.uk

On the Edge of Later Life, 1930-1990

Topics of discussion amongst 49 interviewees (percentage of Scottish interviewees) include, old age; ageing; retirement; death; bereavement; children; grandchildren; grandparents; parents; education; personal relationships; work; leisure; health; personal appearance; sex

University of Aberdeen Oral History Archive: GB 0231 University of Aberdeen, Special Collections

MS 3620/1/25/1: Interview with Raymond Illsley (fl 1919-1985), Professor in the Public Health Department. In the early 1970s Professor Raymond Illsley of the MRC Medical Sociology Unit in Aberdeen, led the evolution of health services research in Scotland and this has been the main focus of the Department's work until recently. Full transcription available.

MS 3620/1/51/1: Interview with Dr Dorothy Younie (nee Mitchell) (1898-1999), (MB. ChB. 1921, MD 1929), Medical Officer of Health. Dr. Younie was a former Aberdeen University student. After working as a part-time consultant and Assistant Medical Officer in Clackmannan Dr. Younie took up the position of Senior Medical Officer of Health for Aberdeen Corporation. She was then appointed Resident Fellow for the Department of Mental Health for four years until her retirement in 1972. She received the Coronation Medal (India) in 1937. Full transcription available.

University of Edinburgh: School of Scottish Studies Archive

SA1969.194.B4 – Dr A Simpson

Discusses the Hawick Typhoid Epidemic (Transcribed)

MD1992.10

Dr Elizabeth Clow

Biography of two female doctors based on written and oral material

MM14 – Ruth Anne Whitfield

Completed as part of a BA History/Philosophy Social Studies of Science and Medicine

A project investigating the promotion, provision and use of Gaelic in the NHS

MP1992.26 (SC1992.03 + transcription)

'Customs and beliefs about death on the island of Lewis'

1st Year Ethnography project which utilised oral history

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH – BIRTH CONTROL, MATERNITY

University of Aberdeen Oral History Archive

MS 3620/1/21: Interview with Sir Dugald Baird (1899-1986), Regius Professor of Midwifery. Sir Dugald Baird, (1899–1986), obstetrician, was born on 16 November 1899 in Beith, Ayrshire. When Baird moved to Aberdeen in 1937, as regius professor of midwifery, he saw opportunities for research in this field. He set up a records system based on good data and accurate measurements and introduced epidemiology into obstetric practice. Realizing that a multidisciplinary approach was most likely to succeed in improving obstetric care and reproductive performance, Baird persuaded the Medical Research Council to support this type of research. In 1955 the Obstetric Medicine Research Unit was established, with himself as the honorary director. It consisted of dieticians, sociologists, physiologists, endocrinologists, statisticians, and obstetricians, who worked together to elucidate the factors affecting reproduction in women. Because of the excellent record system at the Aberdeen Maternity Hospital he was able to study generations of women and the influence on daughters of their mothers' pregnancies. He saw deaths from cervical cancer as avoidable and instituted the first screening programme, the results of which showed that mortality could be reduced by this method. Baird, who retired from his chair in 1965, sat on many local, national, and international committees and was a consultant to the World Health Authority. He was knighted in 1959 and received honorary degrees from Glasgow (1959), Manchester (1962), Aberdeen and Wales (both 1966), and Newcastle and Stirling (both 1974). In 1966, along with his wife, he was made a freeman of Aberdeen. He became an honorary FRCOG in 1986. Baird died in Edinburgh on 7 November 1986.

Interview with Sir Dugald Baird recorded on 3 April 1985

The interview transcription is available in two parts : MS3620/21/1 and MS3620/21/2
Transcripts of the interviews are available for consultation. The tapes themselves are not normally available.

North Lanarkshire Council Oral History Archive

Within this collection there are 28 interviews that reference health, doctors, midwifery and hospitals

University of Edinburgh – School of Scottish Studies Sound Archive

SA2007.003 - Thomasina Banks
Scots trad, health, pregnancy, childbirth

SA2007.007 – Mairi Russell
Scots trad, health, pregnancy

SA2007.013 Lynnsay Gammie
Scots trad, health, pregnancy, childbirth

SA2009.018 – Eileen Mairi McColl
Scots trad, childbirth in rural area, biography of doctor, health, medicine

MH2007.07 (SA2006.41, SA2007, 003, 007, 013) – Ann Williams *Honours Research)
'The transmission of knowledge and changing attitudes to traditions relating to pregnancy, childbirth and the early stages of child rearing'

MP1992.12 (SC1992.02) – Rosemary Mander (former midwife)
This was a 1st year Scottish Ethnography project which interviewed former midwife Rosemary Mander

National Museum of Scotland – Scottish Life Archives

WEA Salt of the Earth Collection

Ardersier Group discuss midwifery, early baby care in the 1950s, saving a baby's life, nurse-doctor relationship, home births, pain relief during labour, hospital care, home visits, hospital visits, NHS introduction, dental care

Dalkeith Group discuss birth, pregnancy, changes in NHS, technology over care, mining accidents and disability

SOCIAL WORK

North Lanarkshire Council Oral History Archive

Within this collection there are 2 interviews relating specifically to alcohol abuse/addiction

Scottish Oral History Centre Archives

SOHCA/009 Domestic Violence, Glasgow, 1995-96

A collection of 16 interviews with women who experienced domestic violence. All interviews are fully transcribed. Access is discretionary

Glasgow Caledonian University Archives

GCU Archives Witness Seminar and Open Forum recordings

What Part did the Association of Directors of Social Work (ADSW) Play in Scottish Social Work Policy and Implementation, 1968 to 1996, 29 March 2003

Heatherbank (Museum of Social Work) at 30, 22 April 2005

The Medical Social Worker in Scotland; the Development of a Profession, 13 March 2004

NHS Health Education video library

When the NHS Scotland decided not to continue with their hire service of health education training videos in April 2006, they donated the material directly to GCU because of its eminence in the field of social work in the Glasgow region.

There are some 500 videos¹, dating c.1970s and 1980s, covering subjects such as:-

AIDS, Alcohol education, Child development and care, Dental health, Drugs, The elderly, Food hygiene, General (includes drowning, fitness, how to screen), Human physiology, Immunisation, Mental health, handicap, disability; Nutrition, Patient education, Personal hygiene, Personal relationships, Pollution, Professional development, Road safety, Safety and first aid, Sex education Sexually transmitted diseases, Smoking, Women's health.

Heatherbank Social Work Collection oral history recordings

Title	Notes	Date	Length	Producer
Heatherbank Museum of Social Work		1998		BBC
Aberlour				
<i>All change in Childcare</i>	interview with Dr J Minto, Director of Quarrier's Homes, and Mike Stone, Lecturer in Social Work, Queen's College	1984		
<i>All change in Childcare</i>	interview with Gerald Barlow, Aberlour Child Care Trust and Mike Stone, Lecturer in Social Work, Queen's College	1984		
Barnhill				

Nurse	labelled Barnhill/Workhouse			Heatherbank?
Barnhill				Heatherbank?
Quarrier's Homes				
Quarriers 1 and 2				Heatherbank?
Quarriers Homes A.V. voice over	by Sally Magnusson		17.5 mins	Cava Sound Workshop
Quarriers pulsed tape		1992		
Quarriers	without added commentary			
Models/Ticketed Housing	labelled <i>keep</i>			
Social Work interviews	by Mike Stone of Queen's College?	1990	90 min tapes	GCU?
Dave Moffat	Dumbarton District, Clydebank			
Fraser Mitchell	NWI			
Claire Beagley	Hardgate			
MGT Logan	Vale of Leven Hospital			
Dave Wilson	NW District			
<i>Colin Harvey with Jeff Cooper</i>		1980	2 sides	Radio Clyde

Heatherbank Social Work Collection Video Library

Title	Description	Creator	approx. running time
<i>Boarded out</i>	Child migration	Heatherbank?	16 mins
<i>Camphill</i>	Education facility for special needs children	Rudolph Steiner Schools	60 mins
<i>Children in trouble</i>	Interviews with young people in schools who have behavioural and social problems	Heatherbank?	15 mins
<i>Diversion – No half measures</i>	A social worker's perspective on how to divert children away from requiring social care	GVFW Women's Unit: Child Care Section training video n.d.	20 mins
<i>A good smack</i>	Family opinion before smacking was banned		60 mins
<i>Summer Workshops</i>	Puppet show about homeless	Heatherbank, 1994	
<i>Homelessness: a Christian response</i>	Dealing with youth homelessness	The Rock Trust Foundation	14 mins
<i>Home Children, Canada and Silent Shame</i>	Adults telling the story of their migration as children		19 mins and 12 mins
<i>Leonard Cheshire</i>	Options offered to people with disabilities throughout the world starting in 1950	Leonard Cheshire Foundation	22 mins
Lennox Castle			
<i>The human history of an institution</i>	Interviews providing the history of the hospital which opened in 1927 to house the mentally handicapped	Howard Mitchell, 2002 Lennox Castle History Project	75 mins

<i>The Start of Something Wonderful</i>	Showing how people with learning difficulties could function happily in 'normal' society after moving out of Lennox Castle with care in the community	Produced by 2 GCU students, n.d. (CD format)	24 mins
<i>No Problem</i>	Attitudes to and care of physically disabled people from Victorian times	Heatherbank?	17 mins
Quarriers	Reel labelled <i>Master</i>		
<i>A Question of Care</i>	Reminiscences of the children who lived in Quarriers Village homes from the 1970s	Heatherbank?	13 mins
<i>Sinner</i>	Fictional story of a young girl in an Irish Magdalene Home for unmarried pregnant girls in the 1960s		60 mins
<i>Travelling People</i>	A look at the needs of travelling people in Scotland	Heatherbank?	19 mins
<i>A Turning Point</i>	The Children's Panel system dealing with children in trouble in Scotland	Children's Panel Advisory Group, Scotland, n.d.	15 mins
<i>Washing away the Stain</i>	Life in an Irish Magdalene Homes. Labelled <i>Ex-S</i>	1993	30 mins

APPENDIX

Scottish Borders Council Archives

Not strictly oral history but this archive holds 40 daily journals of a Selkirk G.P. which might be of interest. They are currently blogging information daily – see:

<http://heritagehub.tumblr.com/>

West Dunbartonshire Council - Clydebank Library Heritage Centre

Interviews with people who discuss their working lives in various local industries.

Bessie Fleming b. 1916

Worked as a fruit shop assistant, in Co-op Bakery and the Singer factory

Duration: 1 hr 14 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: DVD

Tape No: 0041-1/ 0041-2

Transcription: Yes

Dugald Mitchell b. 1893

Worked in Singer and at John Brown's shipyard

Duration: 60 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: DVD

Tape No: 0045-1

Transcription: Yes

Joe Boyd b. 1910

Moulder and riveter at John Brown's shipyard

Duration: 2 hr 27 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: DVD

Tape No: 0023-1/ 0023-2/ 0023-3

Transcription: Yes

Andrew McMillan b. 1912

Plater and production control officer at John Brown's shipyard

Duration: 40 min

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: DVD

Tape No: 002-1/ 0012-1

Transcription: Yes

Douglas Dunbar b. 1917

Apprentice, engine shop, Beardmore's shipyard and John Brown's shipyard

Duration: 55 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: DVD

Tape No: 0015-1

Transcription: Yes

George Grove b. 1907 also as part of "Britain in the 30s"
Grocer, plater's helper, photographer in John Brown's shipyard

Duration: 60 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: DVD
Tape No: 0020-1 / 0020-2
Transcription: Yes

William Love b. 1912
Message boy, Singers and shipwright John Brown's

Duration: 1hr 29 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: DVD
Tape No: 0019-1/ 0019-2
Transcription: Yes

Donald McKellar b. 1911
Draughtsman, drawing office John Brown's shipyard

Duration: 40 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: DVD
Tape No: 0017-1
Transcription: Yes

George Kean b. 1916
Shipwright and Safety Officer, John Brown's

Duration: 15 mins and 5 mins and 52 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: DVD
Tape No: 005-1/ 0018-1/ AC3f(C) [this interview as part of "Britain in the 30s"]
Transcription: Yes

John Barclay b. 1912
Apprentice brass finisher and apprentice driller, John Brown's

Duration: 1hr 25 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0010-1/ 0010-2
Transcription: Yes, handwritten

John Carter b. 1905
Boilermaker, John Brown's

Duration: 30 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 006-1
Transcription: Yes - handwritten and partially typed

Alexander Crawford b. 1891
Electrician, John Brown's

Duration: 60 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0011-1
Transcription: Yes

Isobel Eadie b. 1912
Shop assistant and needle inspector, Singers
Duration: 48 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0028-1
Transcription: Yes

Frank Gilmour b. 1912
Boilermaker, John Brown's
Duration: 2hr 40 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0026-1/ 0026-2/ 0026-3
Transcription: Yes, handwritten

Robert Gorman b. 1916
Marine engine fitter, Beardmores Dalmuir and John Brown's
Duration: 31 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 007-1
Transcription: Yes, handwritten

Daniel McArthur b. 1901
Gun shop and tool room, Breadmores. Shipwright, John Brown's.
Duration: 45 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0016-1
Transcription: Yes

Dougald MacDonald b. 1911 Plater, John Brown's
Duration: 36 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0013-1
Transcription: Yes, handwritten

James McGhee b. 1911
Engineer, John Brown's shipyard. Foreman Engineer on QE2.
Duration: 1hr 48 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0014-1/ 0014-2
Transcription: Yes, handwritten

David Stewart b. 1901
Rivet boy, Napier & Millars, Engine shop, Scott's of Bowling and John Brown's
Duration: 55 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 009-1/ 009-2
Transcription: Yes

Interviews conducted as part of BBC's "Britain in the 30s" 1981:

William McLaughlin (MBE)

Chief of Engine design office, John Brown's

Date: 30.10.1981

Duration: ?

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: No

Tape No: AC3F(d)

Transcription: No

William Green b. 1917

Machine operator, Singers

Date: 21.10.81

Duration: 10 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: No

Tape No: 001-1 / 0036-1/ 0036-2

Transcription: No

Nan Stevenson b. 1936

Book-keeper, fruit shop and personnel dept, Singers

Date: 09.11.1981

Duration: 10 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: No

Tape No: 003-1

Transcription: No

Emily Swankie b. 1915

Royal Ordnance factory and John Brown landboilers.

Date: 09.11.1981

Duration: 18 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: No

Tape No: 003-1

Transcription: No

Mr A Cameron Sheet iron worker John Browns and Denny's Dumbarton

Date: March 1982

Duration: 20 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: No

Tape No: 0021-1

Transcription: No

Colin Mitchell Engineer, John Brown's

Date: 31.03.1982

Duration: 30 mins

Format: Cassette tape

Digital format: No

Tape No: 022-1

Transcription: No

Primrose Martin b. 1912
French polisher, Napier Millers and John Brown's
Date: 11.05.1982
Duration: 60 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0031-1
Transcription: No

Annie Elliot b. 1918
Cash girl in Co-op
Date: 12.05.1982
Duration: 60 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0032-1
Transcription: No

Agnes Donnachie b.1909
Shop assistant
Date: 17.05.1982
Duration: 22 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0033-1
Transcription: No

Helen Neville b. 1909
Clerkess, needle division, Singers
Date: 26.05.1982
Duration: 45 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0037-1/ 0041-1
Transcription: No

Catherine McVicar b. 1915
Wages Clerk, Singers
Date: 10.06.1982 / 11.06.1982
Duration: 2hrs 40 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0038-1/ 0038-2/ 0038-3
Transcription: No

William Smith b. 1912
Hammer-boy and iron turner, John Brown's
Date: 1982
Duration: 60 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0039-1
Transcription: No

John Brown b. 1897
Engineer, Singers
Date: 18.06.1982
Duration: 1hr 3 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0040-1/ 0040-2
Transcription: No

Charles Phillips b. 1920
Plater, John Brown's
Date: 23.06.1982
Duration: 1hr 27 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0042-1/ 0042-2
Transcription: No

Harriet Reid b. 1915
Machine Assistant and wages supervisor, Singer
Date: 30.07.82/ 02.08.83/ 04.08.82
Duration: 5hrs 30 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0043-1/ 0043-2/ 0043-3/ 0043-4/ 0043-5/ 0043-6
Transcription: No

Mrs A McErlain b. 1903
Needle stock dept, Singers
Date: 01.10.82/ 06.10.82
Duration: 2hrs 30 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0046-1/ 0046-2/ 0046-3
Transcription: No

Christopher Yuill b. 1903
Plater Denny's, Beardmore and John Brown's
Date: 25.10.82/ 27.10.82
Duration: 2hrs 30 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0047-1/ 0047-2/ 0047-3
Transcription: No

Colin Fielding b. 1904
Superintendent Singers Power Plant
Date: 11.11.1982
Duration: 50 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0049-1
Transcription: No

Robert Hill b. 1902
Plater Boy, John Brown's, apprentice blacksmith, Beardmore's
Date: 17.11.82/ 19.11.82
Duration: 2hrs 17 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0050-1/ 0050-2/ 0050-3
Transcription: No

Dan Kerr Electrician, John Brown's, Plant Capacity Office, Singers
Date: 21.12.82
Duration: 2 hours
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0055-1/ 055-2
Transcription: No

Agnes Chalmers b. 1902
Office junior, undertakers and shop assistant, fruit shop
Date: 21.01.83
Duration: 48 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0059-1
Transcription: No

Cathy Black b. 1920
Personnel dept Unilever and Albion Works, Credit Controller
Date: 11.03.83
Duration: 1hr 55 mins
Format: Cassette tape
Digital format: No
Tape No: 0061-1/ 0061-2
Transcription: No