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Archaeological Society of Durham and
Northumberland Records**

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Preface

Creation of catalogue

Typescript list, creation unknown. Scanned and converted to HTML RIH, November 1995. Converted to SGML RIH August 1996. Very cursory list. Subsequent accessions catalogued by M.M.N. Stansfield 2007-2008 and Aion McHugh (of UCD) 2008.

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Introduction

Collection title: Records of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland

Reference code: GB-0033-AAS

Dates of creation: 1897-2019

Extent: 2 boxes.

Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

Creator: Records created by the society.

Language of material: English

Contents

Records of the Society comprising minutes, accounts, some Society cards, correspondence and notices of meetings and excursions.

The society

The Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland was founded in 1861, with the twin objectives of helping both to study and to preserve whatever is of architectural, archaeological and antiquarian interest within the area. It is still active.

It has published its *Transactions* since 1862 (volumes 1-11 1862-1965 and New Series volumes 1-6 1968-1982). This became *Durham Archaeological Journal* in 1984.

Accession details

Deposited by the Society. Accounts and subscription books were deposited in November 1965 by Dr C.W. Gibby.

MS.7/2 (part) and 8/1 were transferred from D.G. Ramage's files amongst the Durham University Library records April 2007.

MS.8/2 is accumulated from posters displayed in Palace Green Library.

MS.7/1-2 and 9/1-7 were transferred from the files of the former president, Dr A.I. Doyle, at Palace Green Library, 21 September 2007, Acc No Misc.2007/8:10.

MS.1/3 was deposited by the secretary 5 March 2008, Acc No Misc.2007/8:41.

MS.9/8 was transferred from the files of the former president, Dr A.I. Doyle, at Palace Green Library, 5 March 2008, Acc No Misc.2007/8:44.

Arrangement

In nine groups of material.

Form of citation

The form of citation should be GB-0033-AAS, or the collection title Records of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland, and the *reference number*.

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

Records of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland

AAS MS.1

Minute books, with news cuttings and printed notices pasted in.

AAS MS.1/1 1897-1912

AAS MS.1/2 1913-1933

AAS MS.1/3 1933-1994

Minutes of bi-monthly committee and annual society meetings, including attendance, apologies, proposed lectures and excursions, with agendas.

Also includes printed circulars, notices of meetings, invites, lectures, excursions, membership application forms, statements of accounts, lists of members, local newspaper cuttings concerning society activities, reports from visits and excursions, programmes and BW photographs of a presentation to C.W. Gibby by the then president A.I. Doyle [c.1970] with also Mrs Gibby, Linda Drury and Ela Wright amongst those present, and also of Gibby holding forth to [students outside in the College].

AAS MS.2

Subscription books, including members' names and addresses.

AAS MS.2/1 1927-1951

AAS MS.2/2 1952-1964

AAS MS.2/3 1965-1974

AAS MS.2/4 1975-1983

AAS MS.2/5 1983-1989

AAS MS.3

Account books

AAS MS.3/1 1937-1948

AAS MS.3/2 1948-1955

AAS MS.3/3 1955-1962

AAS MS.3/4 1964-1972

AAS MS.3/5 1973-1982

AAS MS.4

Membership and programme cards.

AAS MS.4a 1971/72-1975/76

Membership cards.

AAS MS.4b 1973-1975

Excursion programmes

AAS MS.4c 1976/77

Lectures programme

AAS MS.4d [c.2008]

Promotional leaflet, 3-fold, with 5 colour images

AAS MS.5

Rules of the Society: 2 versions, both undated

AAS MS.6 1966-1983

Balance sheets.

AAS MS.7

Excursions.

AAS MS.7/1 [1965]

Lists of places visited on excursions 1913-1965.

AAS MS.7/2 1951-1980

Programmes, notes and offprints of articles in preparation for excursions.

AAS MS.8

Notices of meetings.

AAS MS.8/1 1950-1952

AAS MS.8/2 2004-2009

AAS MS.8/3 2011-2019

AAS MS.9

Correspondence files

AAS MS.9/1 1963

Statement about University College's proposal to erect a 4/5 storey building in the Castle's Fellows Garden adjacent to the barbican with 5 BW photographs with overlays of the projected building, and an extract from the 1879 *Transactions* about the Society's opposition to proposed alterations to the Norman Gallery in the castle.

AAS MS.9/2 September 1965

Original plan, 6 BW photographs, and a sheet of prints of them, with a covering letter from L. Still, as printed in an article by him on "Excavations at Low Grange Farm" in *Transactions* vol. XI parts V & VI (1965), p.391-403.

AAS MS.9/3 June-October 1966

Correspondence about the dilapidation of the Hardwick Hall banqueting hall and garden buildings.

AAS MS.9/4 June 1980 - August 1982

Correspondence with Morpeth Antiquarian Society and Northumberland Magistrates' Court Committee about the maintenance of Morpeth Court House.

AAS MS.9/5 September 1982

Correspondence with Durham County Council about the restoration of Seaton Holme (Old Rectory), Easington.

AAS MS.9/6 December 1983 - December 1984

Correspondence, submitted evidence and copy judgement in the consistory court case over reordering the chancel at Brancepeth church.

AAS MS.9/7 14 May 1984

Copy letter from Sheridan Gilley to Douglas Pocock objecting to the proposed application for a faculty by Durham St Oswald's PCC for installing an organ at the west end of the nave and thereby obscuring the William Morris west window, to be discussed by the Society.

AAS MS.9/8 1960-1981

Correspondence and agreements re the exchange of publications with Durham University Library, including a price list for the Society's publications up to 1981.

Publications

AAS MS.10

AAS MS.10/1 2004 - 2017

Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland Newsletter, issues 1, 3-27

26 printed colour illustrated paper magazines

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