



Review of Pacific Collections

Appendix 3: Finding Aid for Vanuatu Material in Scotland



Artefacts and Archives relating to Vanuatu in public repositories in Scotland (United Kingdom)

This finding aid has been compiled as a result of a preliminary survey of Pacific Collections in Scottish Museums undertaken between April 2013 and December 2014. The review scoped the extent of Pacific collections in Scotland and identified key strengths and resources for future research. It also compiled Collections Level Descriptions for each regional island group and to highlight significance. The review was undertaken as a partnership across four museums in Scotland with significant or extensive collections from the Pacific region. These partners were National Museums Scotland (Edinburgh); Glasgow Museums; Perth Museum and Art Gallery and Aberdeen University Museums. Each of these museums hold collections from Vanuatu that have clear associations with islands or regions in Vanuatu and relate to well known Scottish missionaries.

How to use this finding aid

This finding aid provides an overview of Ni-Vanuatu artefact collections in Scotland and where possible related archives or photographs. The following list provides the names of key individuals through which the collections were acquired. The finding aid enables an initial overview of collections and resources and provides contact details for each of the major museums and libraries so that requests for further information can be made. The finding aid should also be used in conjunction with Excel spreadsheets and photographs of artefacts also deposited with the National Archives of Vanuatu.

Overview

Scotland has a longstanding connection with Vanuatu through the Presbyterian Missionaries. From 1840 onwards the southern islands of Vanuatu were the focus of Presbyterian missionary work. Individuals, such as Reverend John Geddie came from Canada but were schooled in a particularly Scottish denomination of Protestant Christianity which spread to Canada, New Zealand and elsewhere with emigrant Scots. Presbyterianism has a long, complex history in the history of the Scottish Church and its reformation but key characteristics such as the use of Communion tokens and the temperance movement seemed to influence and underpin missionary work in Vanuatu.

The four main collections in Scotland are:

National Museums Scotland have the largest Vanuatu collection in Scotland (550 objects). Almost half of the collection is associated with Reverend James Hay Lawrie who was on Aneityum from 1879-97 (251 objects). The Glasgow Life collection from Vanuatu numbers 308 objects and also includes a collection from Reverend James Hay Lawrie (191 objects) and Reverend Thomas Watt Leggatt who was on Malekula (72 objects). The University of Aberdeen collections house 172 object from Vanuatu with 86 collected by Frederick Bowie and Jeannie Mutch who were based on Tangoa, south Santo in the 1890s. Their collection includes related archives including two diaries and a photograph album, loose photographs, letter and cuttings. Perth has a small focused collection from Vanuatu of 50 objects, principally associated with Reverend Adam Wilson who was on Tangoa, off Santo from 1937-45 (40 objects).

Other museums in Scotland with Ni-Vanuatu collections include McManus Museum and Art Gallery, Dundee (2 items); Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow (65 objects) which includes a canoe model from Aneityum associated with Reverend George Turner (see below); McLean Museum and Art Gallery, Greenock (22 objects); and Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum (48 objects).

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National Library of Scotland holds associated archival material including photographs relating to Reverend J. H. Lawrie, Aneityum (reference ACC.7548/F/19) and Reverend William Gunn (1853-1935), Aneityum (reference ACC.7548/F/20)

Summary listing of individuals associated with collections held in Scottish public institutions

The following list provides the institutional home of the Ni-Vanuatu material that is directly associated with individuals. The spellings are as listed in the museum accounts in order to aid research and enquiries.

Associated Name:	Institutional home	Associated Place(s)	Collections:
ALEXANDER , Lucie	Glasgow Life	Efate (Pango); Erromango	Objects (2)
ALMOND , Mrs	McManus Art Gallery and Museum, Dundee	Efate	Objects (1)
ANSTRUTHER , Sir W. C.	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
BAGGLEY , Mrs	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Object (1)
BAKER , S. J. [Note donor of Leggatt material listed below]	Glasgow Life	Malekula	Objects (35)
BALFOUR , Colonel	National Museums Scotland	Banks Islands	Objects (1)
BARAKUUKABUUK , Chief [Associated with Leggatt collection which was donated by S. J. Baker]	Glasgow Life	Malekula	'First idol given up on the island Mallikollo by the Chief Barakuukabuuk c. 1890'
BEASLEY , Harry G.	National Museums Scotland	Torres Islands; Santo; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Object (8) [1 item associated with Rev. H. Hall; 1 item associated with Admiral Davies]
BIRRELL , J.	National Museums Scotland	Malekula	Objects (1)
BLAIR , Rev. William	Glasgow Life	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Object (1)
BOWIE , Rev. Frederick Gatherer	University of Aberdeen Museums	Tangoa, South Santo Aneityum; Aoba; Santo; Tangoa, Santo; Epi; Malekula	Objects (86) Photographs (1 Album and additional loose photographs) Diaries (2) Letters
BOWIE , Mrs Jeannie (née Mutch)	University of Aberdeen Museums	Tangoa, South Santo	Objects (5)

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BOWIE , Dr J. T. (brother of Rev Bowie)	University of Aberdeen Museums	Ambrym	Objects (1)
BOWIE , Mrs W A [relative of Rev. Bowie]	University of Aberdeen Museums	Santo	Object (1)
BRISBANE , Sir Thomas [Donated in 1826 to University of Edinburgh Museum and transferred in 1854 to National Museums Scotland]	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (17)
BUCHANAN , Mrs Marion M.	Glasgow Life	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
BUNDY , J. G. [given in memory of Mrs C. C. Bundy-Leenhouts and her brother A. A. Leenhouts. Collected by Antoine Adriaan Leenhouts in Vanuatu. He worked for Burns Phillips Trading Co. from 1960s-late1970s]	National Museums Scotland	Malekula	Objects (1)
CAMPBELL , J.	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
CARMICHAEL-ANSTRUTHER , Sir Windham	Perth Museum and Art Gallery	Santo	Objects (1)
CLARK , Mrs A. [possibly wife or other relative of Rev Clark]	Glasgow Life	Paaema	Objects (4)
CLARK , A. A. M.	National Museums Scotland	Efate; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (3)
COSH , Rev. J. Bruce	Glasgow Life	Efate; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (7) including personal bible in Efate language.
DAVIES , Admiral [Donated via H. G. Beasley see above]	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
DENNISTON , Peter	Glasgow Life	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (2)
DEWAR , J. Cumming [traveller on yacht Nyanza see solicitors Williamson and Watt below]	National Museums Scotland	Banks Islands; Efate; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (5)
DIXON , John H.	Perth Museum and	Vanuatu (no	Objects (2)

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	Art Gallery	specific location)	
DOUGAN, Miss A. M.	Glasgow Life	Tanna	Objects (5)
DOUGAN, A. M.	National Museums Scotland	Aneityum; Futuna; Tanna; Malekula	Objects (4)
DUNDAS, Admiral	National Museums Scotland	Tanna	Objects (1)
DUNNS, Dr.	National Museums Scotland	Aneityum; Efate; no specific location	Objects (3)
DUTHIE, Mrs	University of Aberdeen Museums	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
ELPHINSTONE, The Honourable Mount Stuart	National Museums Scotland	Santo; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (5)
ERSKINE, (vis Dowell's Auction House)	National Museums Scotland	Pentecost; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (3)
FARMER, Henry G.	Glasgow Life	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Object (1)
FRACKLETON, W. S.	National Museums Scotland	Ambrym	Objects (1)
FRASER, Rev. R. M.	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu	Objects (7) Associated archives including photographs at National Library of Scotland and PAMBU
GORDON CUMMING, Constance Frederica (some come via Mrs St Quintin)	National Museums Scotland	Futuna; Santo; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (4)
GUNN, Rev. William	National Library of Scotland	Vanuatu	Photographs (29)
HALL, Rev. H. [Donated via H. G. Beasley see above]	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
HANBURY TRACY, Mrs	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu	Objects (1)
HANGO, Harrison (maker associated Jean Tarisesei)	National Museums Scotland	Ambae	Object (1)
HARRIGEN, Roderick	Glasgow Life	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
HART, George	McLean Museum and Art Gallery, Greenock	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (22)
HAYMAN, Mr Peter	University of Aberdeen	Malekula	Objects (1)

	Museums		
HENDERSON, Sir William	University of Aberdeen Museums	Malekula	Objects (2)
JOHNSON, W.	National Museums Scotland	Aoba; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (4)
LAWRIE, E. (wife of Rev. J. H. Lawrie)	National Museums Scotland	Efate	Objects (1)
LAWRIE, Rev. James Hay (1849-1929) NOTE: misspelled as LAURIE in database	Glasgow Life	Aneityum. Aneityum; Efate; Epi; Erromango; Futuna; Santo; Tanna; Tongoa.	Objects (191) Associated donors letters Associated album of photographs in National Library of Scotland
LAWRIE, Rev. James Hay (1849-1929)	National Museums Scotland	Aneityum. Aneityum; Aniwa; Efate; Emai; Epi; Erromango; Futuna; Malekula; Nguna; Santo; Tanna; Tongoa.	Objects (251)
LAWRIE, Rev. James Hay (1849-1929)	National Library of Scotland	Vanuatu	Photograph album (93)
LAWRIE, John C.	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
LEENHOUTS, Antoine Adriaan [worked for Burns Phillips Trading Co. from 1960s-late 1970s. Object donated via Bundy see above)	National Museums Scotland	Malekula	Object (1)
LEGGATT, Rev. Thomas Watt [donated through S. J. Baker and Mrs McGavin]	Glasgow Life	Malekula. Erromango, Malekula.	Objects (72)
LLOYD, Violet M.	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (10)
McEACHARN, Lady	National Museums Scotland	Malekula	Objects (1)
McGAVIN, Mrs [Objects associated with McGavin come to her through Marshall and to him from Rev. Leggatt (see above)]	Glasgow Life	Ambrym; Erromango; Malekula; Santo; Tanna;	Objects (38)
McGREGOR, Sir William	University of Aberdeen	Malekula	Objects (2)

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MacNAUGHTON , Mrs	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu	Objects (2)
MACONOCHIE , J.	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu	Objects (1)
MELVIN , Miss	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu	Objects (1)
METHVEN , Robert	Glasgow Life	Malekula	Object (1)
MILNE , Rev. Peter	University of Aberdeen Museums	Malekula	Object (1)
MILNE , Rev Peter (donated via Mr T Wilson)	University of Aberdeen Museums	Erromango, Malekula	Objects (7)
MILNE , Rev and Mrs [donated through Miss Veitch – see below]	National Museums Scotland	Erromango, Ngunu, Santo	Object (7)
MOIR , Rev. G. K.	Glasgow Life	Banks Islands; Torres Islands; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (4)
MURRAY , Dr John Ivor	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (23)
NELSON , Sir Hugh Muir	Glasgow Life	Torres Islands Others unlocated.	Objects (4)
NELSON , Sir Hugh Muir	National Museums Scotland	Banks Islands; Aoba; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (3)
OGSTON , Prof Sir Alexander	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aneityum; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (2)
PATON , Rev. Frederick (via Lord and Lady Stonehaven)	University of Aberdeen Museums	Malekula	Objects (3)
PEACE , Provost	Glasgow Life	Malekula	Objects (1)
PEACE , Provost (via Dowell's Auction House)	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
RAFF , Rev. E. K. M.	National Museums Scotland	Efate; Malekula; Mele Island; Santo; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (33)
RAMSAY FAIRFAX , Sir William	National Museums Scotland	Erromango; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (12)
RENNIE , Dr Alexander	University of Aberdeen Museums	Banks Islands	Objects (1)

ROSS , Rev. W.	University of Aberdeen Museums	Erromango; Santo; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (39)
SIMPSON , Dr	National Museums Scotland	Erromango; Nguna	Objects (2)
SIMSON , Miss	National Museums Scotland	Santo	Objects (1)
SINCLAIR , Sutherland	McLean Museum and Art Gallery, Greenock	Erromango	Objects (1)
STEVENSON STUART , James	Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Stirling	Erromango; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (24)
STEVENSON STUART , Mrs James	Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum	Erromango; Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (22)
STONEHAVEN , Lord and Lady [Given to them by Rev. F. Paton]	University of Aberdeen Museums	Malekula	Objects (3)
SUTHERLAND , Countess of	National Museums Scotland	Banks Islands	Objects (1)
TAYLOR , Captain R.	National Museums Scotland	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (1)
TARISESEI , Jean (maker and associated with Harrison Hango)	National Museums Scotland	Ambae	Objects (1)
TEMPLETON , Mrs	National Museums Scotland	Ambrym	Objects (1)
THOMPSON , J.	National Museums Scotland	Efate	Objects (1)
TURNER , Rev George	Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow	Tanna Aneityum	Object (1)
TURNER , Rev. George	Glasgow Life	Erromango	Objects (1)
VEITCH , Miss [probably associated with Rev. Milne and his wife (nee Veitch)]	National Museums Scotland	Erromango; Nguna; Santo	Objects (7)
WATSON , Robert	Glasgow Life	Vanuatu (no specific location)	Objects (23)
WATT , Mrs [likely to be Jessie Watt second wife of Rev. William Watt]	National Museums Scotland	Tanna	Objects (1)
WATT , Rev. William	National Museums Scotland	Malekula	Objects (3)
WILLIAMSON AND WATT [Solicitors]	National Museums Scotland	Banks Islands; Efate; Vanuatu	Objects (5)

associated with estate of J. Cumming Dewar of the Nyanza voyage]		(no specific location)	
WILSON , Rev. Adam (1909-1988)	Perth Museum and Art Gallery	Tangoa, South Santo (1937-1945)	Objects (40) Associated correspondence (PAMBU reel 1311)

All the above museums can be contacted directly for further information at the websites listed below:

National Museums of Scotland www.nms.ac.uk

Perth Museum and Art Gallery: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/perthmuseumandartgallery>

Glasgow Museums (Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum): <http://www.GlasgowLife.org.uk/museums/kelvingrove/Pages/default.aspx>

University of Aberdeen Museums: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/museums/index.php>

Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/hunterian/>

Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum: <http://www.smithartgalleryandmuseum.co.uk/>

McLean Museum and Art Gallery: <http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/mclean-museum-and-art-gallery/> and online collections:

<http://mcleanmuseum.pastperfect-online.com/36003cgi/mweb.exe?request=ks>

McManus Art Gallery and Museum: <http://www.mcmanus.co.uk/>

National Library of Scotland: <http://www.nls.uk/>

The following websites are also useful:

Pacific Collections Review: www.nms.ac.uk/Pacific

Pacific Collections Review Blog: <http://pacificcollectionsreview.wordpress.com>

Aberdeen University Museums database: <http://calms.abdn.ac.uk/>

University Museums in Scotland collections database: <http://www.umisearch.org.uk/>

Hunterian Museum Collections database: <http://www.huntsearch.gla.ac.uk/>

International missionary photography online:

<http://digitallibrary.usc.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/p15799coll123>

Specifically for Vanuatu:

<http://digitallibrary.usc.edu/cdm/search/collection/p15799coll123/searchterm/vanuatu/order/nosort>

MUNDUS: Gateway to missionary collections in the United Kingdom:

<http://www.mundus.ac.uk/>

Reverend Bowie:

<http://calms.abdn.ac.uk/Geology/dserve.exe?dsqServer=Calms&dsqIni=Dserve.ini&dsqApp=Archive&dsqCmd=Show.tcl&dsqDb=Catalog&dsqPos=0&dsqSearch=%28ObjectNumber=%27ABDUA:CLD80%27%29>

NOTE:

When using this information in conjunction with other resources it is important to note that the museums have undergone frequent name changes. Listed below are the different titles by which the museums and repositories have been known. They are listed under their current title with former titles noted in brackets.

Glasgow Life (Glasgow City Museums; Glasgow Museums; Kelvingrove)

National Museums Scotland (Edinburgh Museum Science and Art; Industrial Museum of Scotland; Royal Scottish Museum; RSM; Royal Museum; National Museums of Scotland; National Museums Scotland; NMS)

Perth Museum and Art Gallery (Perth Literary and Antiquarian Society)

University of Aberdeen Museums (Marischal Museum; Marischal College Museum, King's Museum)

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