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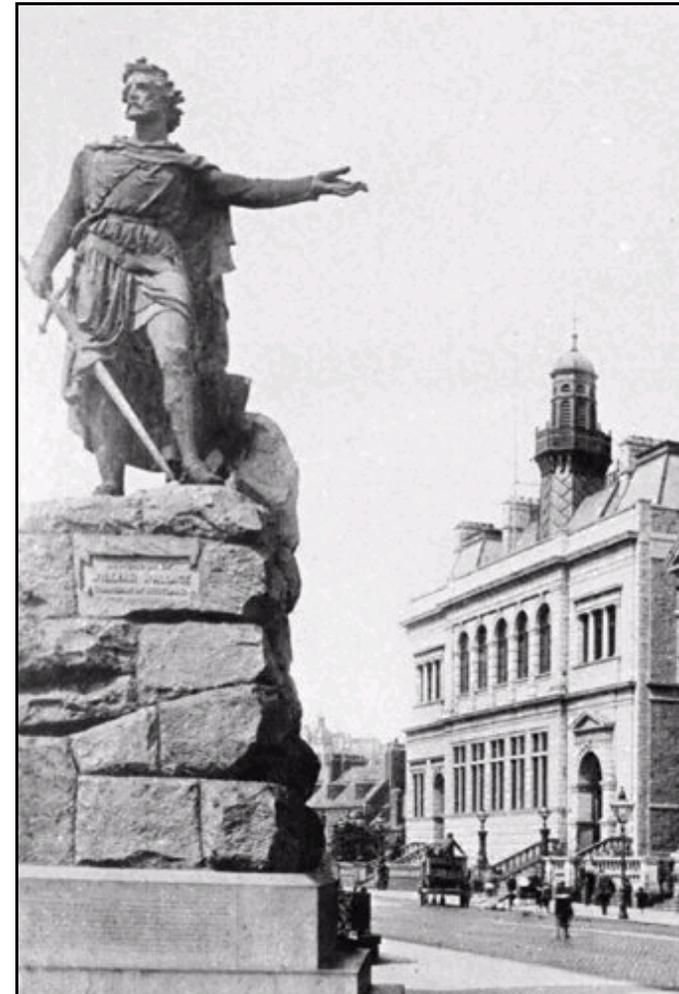


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LOCAL STUDIES SERVICE



Local Studies

The Local Studies Department aims to provide information and help with research on all aspects of Aberdeen and the surrounding area from the earliest period of history to the present day. This leaflet gives a brief guide to the sources we have available.

Books

Our bookstock ranges from sixteenth century early printed books to the latest local publications and covers the whole spectrum of local studies.

Parish and local histories
Biographies and family history
Education, Literature and Architecture
Local Authority Minutes and plans
Electoral and Valuation Rolls

Newspapers and Periodicals

We hold microfilm copies of various local papers:
Aberdeen Journal/Press and Journal from 1747;
Aberdeen Herald 1832–1876; *Aberdeen Free Press* 1853-1922
Evening Express from 1879
Bon Accord & Northern Pictorial 1926 – 1959
People's Journal (Aberdeen City Edition) 1898 –1950
People's Journal (County Edition) 1861 - 1950
Banffshire Journal 1845 - 1950
Buchan Observer 1863 – 1994
Fraserburgh Advertiser 1858 -1869, 1884 - 1941
Huntly Express 1864 – 1994
Kincardineshire Observer 1908 -1950
Stonehaven Journal 1848 – 1917

A newscuttings file, covering both people and topics was maintained for many years.

Various local periodicals are held, including *Deeside Field*, *Leopard*, *Roustabout* and *Northern Scotland*, along with a complete file of the Aberdeen Directory, 1824 – 1982.

Maps

We have a series of street plans of the City dating from 1661, with harbour, estate and railway plans for North-East Scotland. We also hold an extensive range of Ordnance Survey sheets for the same areas – First edition (1870s) and Second Edition (1900s) at 6 inches to 1 mile, 25 inches to 1 mile (1900s and 1920s), with more recent 1:10000 and 1:2500 scales and for the City 1:1250.

Family History

Sources available for consultation include:

Microfilm copies of the Old Parish Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths up to 1854 for Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Banffshire and Kincardineshire, with Census Returns for 1841 – 1901; microfiche indexes to the Baptisms and Marriages and the 1992 edition of the International Genealogical Index for Scotland arranged by Counties.

Published family histories, transcripts of a number of Episcopal Church records and local monumental inscriptions.

Photographs

The department holds an extensive collection of historical photographs covering buildings, street and harbour scenes in the City. These include a comprehensive record of air-raid damage suffered by Aberdeen and a unique collection of fishing vessels including herring drifters and steam trawlers.

Much of the early material was created by George Washington Wilson, Photographer Royal to Queen Victoria in Scotland and includes not only landscapes in Scotland and England but also crofting life in the Western Isles and scenes taken in Australia and South Africa.

Publications

A wide range of historic postcards of Aberdeen can be purchased from all libraries.