

Alexander Crum Memorial Library



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Fonds.Date(s)	1893 - 1969
Extent and medium	volumes, loose papers. 3 boxes, 0.32 l.m.
Name of creat	Trustees of the Alexander Crum Memorial Library, et al.
Administrative/ biographical history	<p>After the death of Alexander Crum of Thornliebank in 1893, a memorial fund was established. The following year it was resolved to erect a library. This was completed in 1896 on land feued from the Thornliebank Company at a token duty and the Library was opened in 1897.</p> <p>The Library's stock was augmented by books from the County Library from 1921 and from 1948 the Library was operated as a branch of the County Library.</p>
Archival histo	<p>It is not clear when the papers came into possession of Renfrew County Council; presumably they simply physically transferred when the County took over the running of the Library in 1948</p> <p>The two library catalogues were in an envelope titles "Donated by Mrs (Browning ?) 13 Rowallan Rd Giff [Giffnock]"</p>
Immediate so	The material was transferred to the Archives along with other records as part of accession 2006/03 by Amanda Robb, Local Studies Librarian, on 20th Sept 2006.
Scope and co	The papers consist of Minutes, title deeds, subscription and other financial records and general correspondence. Most series are somewhat patchy and had been thoroughly disordered.
Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information	All records which transferred to the archives have been retained
Accruals	none are expected.
System of Arrangement	<p>The First two items, the bound minute books, seem to have been listed (as 5/9/1 and 2) perhaps by the Scottish Records Office.</p> <p>Renfrew County Libraries and Eastwood District Libraries had sorted the papers into bundles of physical type or subject, but these had largely been bound with elastic bands, most of which had rotted and the papers had become disordered.</p> <p>Where still evident, this prior arrangement has been retained and the prior reference numbers have been noted in the item description.</p> <p>The papers have now been arranged into several artificial series:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Deeds 2 Minutes 3 Subscription Records 4 Library Catalogues 5 Financial Records <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5/1 Abstracts of Account & Balance Sheets 5/2 Cash Book 5/3 Bank Books 5/4 Insurance Records 6 Misc. subject files, financial papers & correspondence 7 Secondary material

Conditions governing access

There are no restrictions on access

Finding Aids

An item level list has been prepared and is searchable on the archives database.

Allied materia

[Records of Renfrew County at Glasgow City?]

ERC Legal Services Council Title 35 and misc. 293, Original Disposition and Deed of Settlement.

Archivist's no

Description prepared by Craig Geddes, Council Records Manager.

Rules or conventions

This description was based on the General International Standard for Archival Description and East Renfrewshire Council's Manual of Listing and Archival Description.

Dates(s) of descriptions

29/4/09 - 27/08/09

Reference	Description	Date(s)	No. of pieces
06 1/1	[Copy] Disposition and Deed of Settlement by James Crum, cotton spinner at Busby and merchant in Glasgow.	1861/02/19 2005 c.	1
06 1/2	Trust Declaration between the Trustees of Walter Crum and the Thornliebank U.P. Kirk Session re. the "Crum Request for the Poor of Thornliebank"	1877/01/05	1
06 1/3	[Copy] Disposition and Deed of Settlement by Agnes Pollok, the widow of James Crum, adopting George Allan Cadell and his sister Mary Eliza Cadell as her children, and making provision for the mills [at Thornliebank?]	1885/08/10 2005 c.	1
06 2/1	Bound minute book of the Alexander Crum of Thornliebank Memorial Committee, latterly the Directors of the Alexander Crum Memorial Library. Endorsed, several items of correspondence and a printed "Constitution and Rules"	1893 - 1929	1
06 2/2	Minute Book of the Directors of the Alexander Crum Memorial Library	1929 - 1954	1
06 2/3	Bundle of scroll minutes, agenda and notes of the Directors of the Crum Memorial Library. INC.: (1) draft constitution and rules for the Library, 1921 (3) Minute of the [Renfrewshire] Library Sub-Committee of Committee of Finance including reference to the suitability of establishing the Crum Library as a branch of the County Library, 1945	1921 - 1954	6
06 3/1	Minutes of the Public Meetings, the Committee, and sub-committees thereof, held to establish the Alexander Crum Memorial	1893	4
06 3/2	Subscription Lists to the Alexander Crum Memorial	1893 - 1894	4
06 3/3	Cash books of the Alexander Crum Memorial	1893 - 1895	2
06 3/4	Letters from subscribers to the Alexander Crum Memorial	1893	26
06 3/5	Letters from subscribers to the Alexander Crum Memorial. Also includes some statements of the collections of funds. NB The pieces are mostly numbered, and that original order has been retained. INC.: (52) Note of estimates received for construction work on the Crum memorial Library, 1894 (56) II - V. Estimates, etc., of fitting out works for the Library, 1897 [perhaps erroneously included with this item and within this bundle?]	1894 - 1899	56

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06 4/1	Annotated Catalogues of the Alexander Crum Memorial Library.	1897	2
06 4/2	Statement of issue of books [digital image available] from the Memorial Library	1897	1
06 5/1/01	Statement of Account, Abstract of Accounts, Upkeep Account, and account with the Thornliebank Company for 1897	1897	4
06 5/1/02	Abstracts of Accounts for the Memorial Library for 1898	1898	3
06 5/1/03	Abstract of Account for the Memorial Library, and account with the Thornliebank Company for 1899	1899	2
06 5/1/04	Abstract of Account for the Memorial Library for 1900	1900	1
06 5/1/05	Statements of Accounts for the Memorial Library for 1901	1901	1
06 5/1/06	Statements of Account for the Memorial Library and accounts for the course of lectures for 1902	1902	2
06 5/1/07	Statement of Accounts for the Memorial Library for 1903	1903	1
06 5/1/08	Statement of Accounts for the Memorial Library for 1904	1904	1
06 5/1/09	Abstracts of Accounts for the Memorial Library for 1913	1913	1
06 5/1/10	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1915 - 1916	1916	1
06 5/1/11	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1916 - 1917	1917	1
06 5/1/12	Abstracts of Accounts for the Memorial Library for 1917 - 1918	1918	1
06 5/1/13	Abstracts of Accounts for the Memorial Library for 1918 - 1919	1919	1
06 5/1/14	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1919 - 1920	1920	1
06 5/1/15	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1921 - 1922	1922	1
06 5/1/16	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1922 - 1923	1923	1

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06 5/1/17	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1923 - 1924	1924	1
06 5/1/18	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1924 - 1925	1925	1
06 5/1/19	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1925 - 1926	1926	1
06 5/1/20	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1926 - 1927, with a 10 year statement of income	1927	2
06 5/1/21	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1927 - 1928	1928	1
06 5/1/22	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1928 - 1929	1929	1
06 5/1/23	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1929 - 1930	1930	1
06 5/1/24	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1930 - 1931	1931	1
06 5/1/25	Balance Sheet for the Memorial Library for 1931 - 1932	1932	1
06 5/2	Ledger and Cash Book for the Memorial Library	1898 - 1951	1
06 5/3/1	Bank pass book for the Memorial Library special repair account	1933 - 1954	1
06 5/3/2	Bank pass book for the Memorial Library savings account	1933 - 1962	1
06 5/3/3	Bank pass book for the Memorial Library [cash] account	1937 - 1956	1
06 5/3/4	Bank pass book for the Memorial Library [cash] account, with later bank statements.	1956 - 1969	3
06 5/3/5	Memorial Library cheque book with, detached [but unpresented?] cheque in favour of Renfrewshire County Council	1967	1
06 5/4/1	Fire Insurance Policy for the Memorial Library	1896	1
06 5/4/2	Fire Insurance Policy for the Memorial Library	1943 - 1947	1
06 6/01	Letters to Mr. Campbell from prospective committee members	1893	9

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06 6/02	Letters re. appointments to, and attendance at, Committee meetings. INC.: (9) Letter from John Stirling Maxwell, bart.	1893 - 1894	11
06 6/03	Estimates, correspondence with tradesmen, receipts, etc., re. work on the erection and fitting out of the Crum Memorial Library. INC.: (16) Summary of costs of work on the Library	1896 - 1899	16
06 6/04	Correspondence re. the Library's War Stock	1917 - 1951	9
06 6/05	List of cleaner's duties at the Crum Memorial Library, Thornliebank.	1927/10	1
06 6/06	Correspondence and notes re. the restoration of the Crum Memorial Library after its wartime use by the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence	1944 - 1945	3
06 6/07	Memoranda, telegrams, and correspondence re. the consideration of whether the Crum memorial building should revert to library use or whether it should be leased to the Thornliebank Civil Defence Association for use as a public hall and recreation room.	1945 - 1949	24
06 6/08	Envelope of correspondence re. the "future use of the library buildings"	1946 - 1947	1
06 6/09	Lease between the Directors of the Alexander Crum Memorial Library and the County of Renfrew Education Committee, and associated correspondence	1946 - 1947	1
06 6/10	General Library correspondence	1947	5
06 6/11	File of General Library correspondence "reported and minuted 2nd November 1949", including "The Thornliebank and District Residents' Association NEWS LETTER", for September 1949	1947 - 1949	1
06 6/12	Envelop of correspondence relating to the restoration of a wall, and other works, at the Crum Memorial Library	1950 - 1953	1
06 6/13	Small file of correspondence with the Residents' Association re. the erection of a notice board at the Crum Memorial Library	1951	1
06 6/14	File of correspondence re. repairs to the Crum Memorial Library	1952	1
06 7/1	Photocopy of "Alexander Crum of Thornliebank, 1828 - 1893. A Memoir"	1954 p.	1

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06 7/2	Bound plastic folder of notes, photograph and copies of articles from the Pollokshaws News re. the Alexander Crum Memorial Library from 1894	1894 - 1960	1
06 7/3	Article from "S.L.A. News" on the taking over of the Library by the County Council	1961 c.	1
06 7/4	Article titled "Library Provision in Thornliebank"	1962 c.	1
06 7/5	List of items [produced by Eastwood District Council Libraries?] in the Crum Memorial Library Accounts	1970 ?	2