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Carswell Church Hall Papers



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Fonds Date(s)	1925? - 1953
Extent and medium	One box of papers, 0.1 linear metres.
Name of creator	Robert Galt, Clerk for the Court of Management, Carswell Church of Scotland, Eaglesham.
Administrative/ biographical history	The Carswell Church was located on Montgomery Street in the village of Eaglesham. The church was originally a United Presbyterian Church, but became the Carswell Church of Scotland after the union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church in 1929. The church hall was known locally as 'Union Hall', and was the only hall in the village. It was situated slightly to the rear on the left hand side of the church building.
	[The church was built in 1867 at a cost of £1300 and the manse built at a cost of £700. (source: "The Church in Eaglesham" by D W Russell, 1979) The Carswell Church is now known as Carswell Hall and takes its name after the Rev. William Carswell who was ordained in 1827. The church became the 'Children's Church' in 1959 and is currently being developed as a local community hub which will house the William Gemmel statue collection.]
Archival history	The papers were originally deposited by Mrs Helen Galt Norrie, daughter of Robert Galt in 2011. Material previously held by East Renfrewshire Council Libraries as per heritage accession no. 2013/1 dated 26/6/13.
Immediate source of acquisition	The bulk of the material was transferred from East Renfrewshire Council Libraries as per accession 2013/04 on 14/8/2013. A second accession 2015/04 dated 11/11/15 has additional material from the same depositor (comprising items 1/1 and 5/1).
Scope and content	Small archive consisting of correspondence and other papers originally belonging to Mr Robert Galt, Clerk for the Court of Management of Carswell Church.
Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information	All records transferred to the archives have been retained, apart from some duplicate pages.
Accruals	No further accruals expected.
System of arrangement	The papers were arranged by the depositor as follows:
	 General correspondence 1941 - 1951, arranged chronologically (1-6) County of Renfrew Papers 1948 - 1951 School meals service Child welfare clinic Eaglesham School accomodation Construction of notice board Church financial statements 1946 - 1950 List of church repairs c. 1949 and 1951 Images 1925? - 1953
Conditions governing access	There are no restrictions on access.
Finding aids	An item level list has been prepared.
Allied materials	2 page letter from the depositor Helen Galt Norrie giving background to the collection and plans relating to East Renfrewshire application ref no. 2014/0850/ASM
Archivist's note 26 November 2015	Description prepared by Lorraine Murray, Student from University of Glasgow. Page 2 of 5

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 06/11/2015 - 26/11/2015

Reference	Description	Date(s)	No. of pieces
16 1/1	Carswell Church Hall papers, general correspondence. Comprises one letter regarding insurance of the church with original insurance certificate dated 1930, but with amendments dated 1941.	1941	2
16 1/2	Carswell Church Hall papers, general correspondence. Comprises three letters and two 'Carswell Record' church newsletters no.'s 12 and 12A.	1947	5
16 1/3	Carswell Church Hall papers, general correspondence. Comprises 17 letters, one postcard, one application form for installation of additional 15 amp electrical sockets and receipts for a manager's social outing. Includes a letter from the 'Order of the Eastern Star' Chapter 429, which is now a dormant chapter of the organisation. Also includes letters relating to the application for compensation due to the loss of church railings due to the war effort.	1948	20
16 1/4	Carswell Church Hall papers, general correspondence. Comprises one quote, one receipt, one page of AGM minutes and 18 letters. Includes letters from the Ministry of Works relating to welfare foods distribution in Union Hall. Also minutes from congregational AGM and letter of award from the Ferguson bequest fund.	1949	21
16 1/5	Carswell Church Hall papers, general correspondence. Comprises 17 letters, one list of hall activities (shows activities between Oct 1948 - April 1949), two notices by commissioners of customs and excise entertainments duty, one sketch of proposed wrought iron railings and gate by J B Cairns Esq. ARIBA [Architect who was an associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects who was also the Sunday school superintendant responsible for remodelling the church in 1959 when it became the 'Children's Church'] with covering letter.	1950	21
16 1/6	Carswell Church Hall papers, general correspondence. Comprises one postcard, two receipts, one list of court managers and 27 letters. Includes letters relating to the proposed sale of the Manse in favour of a new bungalow, letters relating to insurance provision (amount of cover was increased) and letters relating to distribution of welfare foods.	1951	31
16 2/1	Carswell Church Hall, County of Renfrew papers, school meals service. Comprises eight letters relating to the use of Union Hall for school meals provision by the Education Committee. Includes signed letters by John Crawford, Renfrew County Director of Education.	1948 - 1949	8

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16 2/2	Carswell Church Hall, County of Renfrew papers, child welfare clinic. Comprises 16 letters and lease agreement with covering letter. Includes signed letters from Dr J S M Gray, County Medical Officer of County of Renfrew Public Health Department.	1948 - 1951	17
16 2/3	Carswell Church Hall, County of Renfrew papers, Eaglesham School accomodation. Comprises 16 letters. Includes signed letters from John Crawford, Renfrew County Director of Education and John S Anderson, Headmaster of Eaglesham Primary School.	1949 - 1951	16
16 2/4	Carswell Church Hall, County of Renfrew papers, construction of notice board. Comprises four letters relating to proposal of a notice board being situated on mutual ground between Carswell Church and Mansefield House (formerly Carswell Manse) by Messrs Laird & McMillan. Includes signed letters from Donald Bowie, County of Renfrew Registrar.	1950 - 1951	4
16 3/1	Carswell Church Hall papers, Financial Statements. Comprises five annual statements and five memos relating to church finances.	1946 - 1950	10
16 4/1	Carswell Church Hall papers, list of repairs. Comprises two typed foolscap pages listing repairs required to church. Item is undated.	1949c.	1
16 5/1	Carswell Church Hall papers, images. Comprises one sepia postcard with image of church interior 1925? and one order of service leaflet relating to the ordination of Rev. Ian M Forbes MA on Monday, 18th May 1953.	1925? & 1953	2