

**Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Archives
Botanical Society of Scotland Archive List
GB235/BSS**

This listing is a work in progress, compiled by RBGE Archivist Leonie Paterson and volunteer Claire Kirkpatrick in 2011, but gives the most detailed account yet of the Botanical Society of [Edinburgh] Scotland archives held at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

BSS/1 Society Laws, Annual reports and Lists of Members

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| BSS/1/1 | 1837-1948 | Volume containing: | |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laws of the Society, 1836 • List of signatures of Original Members, March 1936 • List of Members 1836-1952 • Loose papers, including assistant secretary 's correspondence |
| BSS/1/2 | 1836-1900 | First Annual Reports, Laws and Proceedings | |
| BSS/1/2/1 | 1836-1844 | bound volume of reports | |
| BSS/1/2/2 | | first annual report, 3 copies of, 1 st and 2 nd editions | |
| BSS/1/2/3 | | 1 copy of 3 rd annual report | |
| BSS/1/2/4 | 1836-1900 | folder containing: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceedings, 1838 • Reports/proceedings, 1836-1837 • Proceedings/reports from Scottish Gardener, c.1855? • Laws, Objectives, Office Bearers, June 1836 • Objectives, Laws, Office Bearers, Members, 1840, 1841 • Donations to the Museum of Economic Botany and RBGE, 1856 • Views, Objects, Laws, March 1880 • Laws, Roll, Publication Exchanges, Nov. 1900 |
| BSS/1/3 | 1844-1927 | Membership Lists, including proofs. | |
| | | Box containing: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 1855-Nov.1869 • 1875 • 1877-92 • 1844-45 • 1903-04 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alterations on Botanical Society's List of Fellows Membership proofs List of Members List of Members List of Office Bearers, Honorary Fellows and |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 1902 • Nov. 1904 • Nov. 1908 • 1908 • 1917 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Proof of Roll of the Botanic Society of Edinburgh |

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| | • Jan. 1917 Edinburgh | Printed Proof of Roll of the Botanical Society of |
| | • Sept. 1923 | Roll of the Botanical Society |
| | • 1923-27 | Roll of the Botanical Society |
| | • Oct.1927 | Roll of the Botanical Society |
| | • Undated | Roll of the Botanical Society |
| | • Undated (c.Feb1891-Nov1893) | Billet Addressing List of Botanical Society |
| | • 1922 | List of Members of the Microscopical Society |
| | • Nov. 1900 | 4 copies of membership descriptions |
| BSS/1/4 | 1901-1951 | Roll of Annual Subscriptions |
| BSS/1/5 | 1953-1964 | Register of Members, includes April 1959, loose copy of the Address List of Members |

BSS/2 Botanical Society Minute Books

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| BSS/2/1 | 1836 – 1846 | Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first minute lists the original members • Pasted in, printed list of Office Bearers for 1839 proposed by the Council • Pasted in, printed list of Office Bearers for 1840 proposed by the Council • Pasted in lists of agendas, proposed candidate for election of membership and lists of those elected |
| BSS/2/1t | 1836-1846 | Typed up transcripts of minutes of the meetings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh |
| BSS/2/2 | 1846-1856 | Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in agendas for some meetings, list of proposed candidates for membership and newspaper cuttings summarizing the meetings |
| BSS/2/2t | 1846-1856 | Typed up transcripts of minutes of the meetings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh |
| BSS/2/3 | 1856-1866 | Includes, interleaved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to John Hutton Balfour written on behalf of George Grey, acknowledging the receipt of the Address of the President and Fellows of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh on the occasion of the death of the Royal Highness, the Prince Consort, and relaying it to 'Her Majesty' 14 Jan 1862 • Letter to John Hutton Balfour from someone at Holyrood Palace, thanking the President and Fellows of the Society for electing Prince Alfred as an Honorary Fellow, 17 Nov 1863 • Proceedings of the Society for Nov. 1856, includes, pasted in, lists of proposed candidates for membership, newspaper cuttings summarizing the meetings |
| BSS/2/3t | 1856-1866 | Typed up transcripts of minutes of the meetings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh |

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| BSS/2/4 | 1866-1876 | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in, lists of proposed candidates for membership, newspaper cuttings summarizing the meetings • interleaved letter to the Secretary of the Society from Whitehall acknowledging the receipt of the Address of the President and Fellows of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh to the Queen, following criminal attempts upon the Duke of Edinburgh's life, 26 May, 1868 • interleaved letter to Charles Jenner from Clarence House, acknowledging the receipt of the Address of the President and Fellows of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh to the Duke of Edinburgh, following criminal attempts upon his life, July 2, 1868 • two interleaved letter to the Secretary of the Society from Edward [Whymper], expressing his concerns about the printing of a Botanical Society Transaction which he believed portrayed him negatively, both dated 6 March, 1869 • interleaved letter from Robert Brown to the Society regarding Edward [Whymper], 17 March 1869 |
| BSS/2/5 | 1876-1886 | <p>Includes, pasted in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an announcement about the opening of a Botanical Library in the Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh, 14 Dec. 1876 • lists of proposed candidates for membership, newspaper cuttings summarizing the meetings, abstracts of accounts, meeting agendas • interleaved letter from the Society to Mrs. McNab expressing their sympathy following the death of her husband, Dec 1879 • interleaved letter sent on behalf of Mrs. McNab thanking the Society for the letter they sent following the death of her husband, 6 Jan 1879 • interleaved letter to the Secretary of the Society regarding the Science and Art Department, London, regarding the St Petersburg International Horticultural Exhibition and Botanical Congress, 13 April 1883 • interleaved invitation to the Society from the President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to attend the annual meeting of the Association in Philadelphia on 3 Sept 1884, dated 31 March, 1884 • loose paper titled 'Botanical Society: Estimated State of Funds at Nov. 1884 |
| BSS/2/5t | 1876-1883 | <p>Typed up transcripts of minutes of the meetings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh</p> |
| BSS/2/6 | Nov 1886 to Jul 1896 | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in agendas of meetings |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interleaved abstracts of accounts • interleaved letter to the secretary of the Botanical Society from Patrick Geddes regarding the availability of meetings spaces following the extension of University Hall, 5 Dec. 1891 • interleaved Balloting List, 10 Nov. 1892 • interleaved letter sent 17 Nov. 1892 • interleaved letter sent 20 Dec. 1892 • 12 page Report of the Finance Committee of the Botanical Society, 14 July, 1892 • Motion changing Article 3, Chapter 1 of the Laws of the Society in areas regarding associates and lady members • alterations in the rules • interleaved letter to the Society from Dr. Friedrich Schmitz, 29 March, 1893 • interleaved Income and Expenditure of the Society or the past thirteenth year, 28 May 1892 |
| BSS/2/6t | 1886-1896 | Typed up transcripts of minutes of the meetings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh |
| BSS/2/7 | 1896-97 | Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in meeting agendas • interleaved balloting list, 12 Nov 1896 • loose letter to the Botanical Society from H. Marshall Ward thanking the society for electing him an Honorary Fellow, 15 Nov 1896 • pasted in Abstract of Accounts |
| BSS/2/8 | 1897-99 | Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interleaved balloting list, 11 Nov 1897 • interleaved abstract of accounts • meeting agendas • interleaved balloting list, 10 Nov, 1898 |
| BSS/2/9 | 1898-1900 | Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interleaved balloting list, 10 Nov 1898 • loose balloting list, 9 Nov 1899 • loose balloting list, 8 November 1900 |
| BSS/2/10 | 1900-1902 | Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loose balloting list, 14 Nov 1901 • pasted in meeting agendas • loose letter to James A. Terras from Isaac Bayley Balfour ensuring the availability of the class room of the Royal Botanic Garden for the Botanical Society, 29 April 1901 • loose letter from Gregg Wilson of the Royal Physical Society requesting the co-operation of the Botanical Society, along with other scientific societies of Edinburgh, in regards to |

matters such as meeting spaces and publications, 21 March 1901

- interleaved letter from the Scottish Office at Whitehall to the President and Fellows of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh thanking them for the letter of sympathy sent following the death of Queen Victoria, 30 March 1901
- pasted in letter from the General, Keeper of H.M's Privy Purse to the President of the Botanical Society acceding to the request of the Society for the King to become a patron of the Society, 24 June 1901
- pasted in abstract of accounts

BSS/2/11 1902-1904

Includes:

- pasted in copies of the meeting agendas
- loose copy of the balloting list, 13 Nov 1902
- pasted in abstract of accounts
- interleaved copy of the balloting list, 12 Nov 1903

BSS/2/12 1904-1907

Includes:

- pasted in copies of meeting agendas
- Loose newspaper cuttings summarizing a meeting, 10 Nov 1905
- Loose letter from [M.Foslie], Norway to the Secretary of the Botanical Society regarding him sending copies of his work to the societies library, 30 May 1906
- pasted in copy of the balloting list, 8 Nov, 1906

BSS/2/13 1907-1920

Includes:

- Loose paper detailing alterations to the laws of the Society, 1st March 1910
- Loose working paper showing Section V of the Laws of the Society, regarding Associate members
- Loose note from the Council of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, acting on behalf of the Society, expressing their sympathy towards the Royal Family following the death of King Edward the VII
- Loose letter from Symington Grieve to Mr. Smith, along with a paper titled 'Ancient Names For Dunkeld'
- pasted in copies of meeting agendas
- pasted in copy of the balloting list, 14 Nov, 1907
- pasted in copy of the balloting list, 12 Nov. 1908
- pasted in copy of the balloting list, 11 Nov 1909
- pasted in abstracts of accounts
- pasted in copy of the petition against 'The destruction of the Botanical Ground upon Blackford Hill through the operations of Midlothian County Council' sent to The Lord Provost ,

Magistrates and Town Council of the City of Edinburgh, 12 Feb 1910

- pasted in copy of the petition against 'The destruction of the Botanical Ground upon Blackford Hill through the operations of Midlothian County Council' sent to the County Council of the County of Midlothian, 12 Feb 1910
- Loose letter to Thomas Bennet Clarke, President of the Society, from John Lamb, Scottish Office, Whitehall, on behalf of the Secretary of Scotland acknowledging the receipt of the Address and that it will be relayed to the King, 14 June, 1910
- interleaved working copy of the Address sent to the King from the President and Fellows of the Botanical Society on behalf of the Society, expressing their condolences following the death of his Father, 9 June 1910
- pasted in letter to the President of the Society from Pentland, Scottish Office, Whitehall, on behalf of the King thanking the Society for the letter they sent expressing their condolences following the death of his father, 8 July 1910
- interleaved copy of the balloting list, 10 Nov 1910
- pasted in newspaper clippings summarising meetings
- copy of the balloting list, 14 Nov 1912
- pasted in letter sent to Archibald Buchan Hepburn, President of the Botanical Society, from the Keeper of His Majesty's Privy Purse, on behalf of the King thanking the Society for making him a Patron of the Society, 15 Dec 1913
- lists of Presidents, Vice Presidents and Councilors of the Society
- pasted in copies of the final draft and the original draft of the Heads of Agreement in proposed incorporation of the Scottish Microscopical Society with the Botanical Society of Edinburgh as adjusted at a joint meeting of the Committees of the two Societies on 28 Jan 1915
- two loose list of names and address of members of the Society who had resigned during 1914 and 1915
- pasted in newspaper article titled 'Vandalism at Blackford Hill: Rare Plants Destroyed', from The Scotsman, 10 October 1919
- copy of a 5 page statement of a resolution moved by Symington Grieve and seconded by J Rutherford Hill on behalf of the Society, sent to the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Town Council requesting action to be taken against the quarrying of Blackford Hill
- loose copy of a letter sent to David Prain from Gertrude E. Fitch, thanking him for his help in securing her husband a Civil List Pension, 18 October, 1920

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1920 -1932

Includes:

- loose order of business

- loose newspaper clipping 'National Park: Highlands as a Ski-ing Centre'
- pasted in lists of Office-Bearers
- pasted in agendas of meetings
- pasted in abstracts of accounts
- newspaper clippings summarizing meetings
- pasted in article 'Botanical Wizardry: Or Plant Propagation at Edinburgh' from a page from 'The Garden', 2 August 1924
- pasted in notice of a motion on changes to the Laws of the Society, 15 Oct, 1925
- pasted in newspaper articles
- pasted in report of the sub-committee appointed to enquire into the question of securing better and more economical arrangements for the illustrations of lectures and papers presented to the society, 15 Jan. 1926
- pasted in letter to Prof. W. Wright. Smith (RK) from the President and Secretary requesting that the Society be able to hold all its ordinary meetings within the Laboratory Buildings at the Royal Botanic Garden as of October 1926, 9 March 1926
- pasted in letter to the Secretary of the Society from W. Wright Smith granting permission to the Botanical Society to hold its meetings within the Laboratory Buildings at the Royal Botanic Gardens as of October 1926, 11 March 1926
- pasted in letter from J.R. Matthews, Honorary Secretary to W. Wright Smith expressing his thanks on behalf of the Botanical Society for allowing the Botanical Society to hold its meetings within the Laboratory Buildings at the Royal Botanic Gardens, 12 March 1926
- pasted in copy of a letter from Charles Darwin on the floating power of seaweed, 22 March 1882

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1932-1936

Includes:

- loose list of names and addresses of those who had been a member of the Cryptogamic Society of Scotland for 5 years or more, and those who had been a member for less than 5 years
- loose list of members of the Cryptogamic Society, 30 Sept. 1934
- loose note on the presentation of specimens to the Museum of Economic Botany by Dr. Murchison, 8 April 1852
- loose letter to the President of the Botanical Society from the Private Secretary, Buckingham Palace, informing him that the letter of sympathy sent had been passed in to the King, 29 Jan 1936
- loose letter to W. Wright Smith, President of the Society from the Scottish Office, Whitehall, thanking the Society for the letter of condolence sent to the King following the death of his father, 4 March 1936

- loose letter to Mr. [Clouston] from Andrew Lason regarding the Abstract of Accounts, 8 Oct 1936
- loose copies of lists of Office Bearers
- pasted in copies of meeting agendas
- pasted in copies of Abstracts of Accounts
- loose copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Organisation Committee, 17 Jan, 1935
- pasted in copy of a lecture notice titled 'A Public Lecture on Recent Developments in American Forestry' by R. Maclagan Gorrie, to be held at the Lecture Hall at the Royal Botanic Garden, 7 March 1935
- pasted in note regarding the opening of a special fund to meet the expenses of the celebrations of the centenary of the Society on 1 July 1936
- pasted in copy of an address from the Society to the King expressing their sympathy following the death of the previous King and welcoming him to the throne of the British Empire
- pasted in copy of the agenda of the Centenary Meeting to be held on 1 July 1936
- pasted in programme of the Crpytogamic Excursion, 14 Sept, 1936
- 2 loose copies of the name of those featured in the photograph taken at the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Centenary Meeting, 1936

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| BSS/2/16 | 1936-1942 | Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in agendas of meetings • pasted in copies of abstracts of accounts • pasted in notice of the Annual Conference and Foray of the Cryptogamic Section, to be held on 20th-23rd of September, 1937 • pasted in newspaper article titled 'Borderland Colour Film', regarding an exhibition of colour-film by Ida M. Hayward dealing with the Scottish Borderland, from the Scotsman, 25 October 1941 |
| BSS/2/17 | 1942-47 | Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loose copy of a notice to the members of the Botanical Society of the British Isles about Payment of Subscriptions by Deed of Covenant • 4 loose copies of 'Suggestions to Contributors of the Transactions', 8 April 1952 • loose copy of the Roll of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, corrected to the 1st of January 1948, reprinted from Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXIV. Part IV |

- loose letter to the Secretary of the Pilgrim Trust from the Honorary Secretary to the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, undated
- loose copy of the Constitution of the Scottish Field Studies Council, undated
- loose copies of the agenda of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh
- loose newspaper clippings regarding a lecture delivered by Balfour, November, 1944
- loose copy of Biological Abstracts
- loose copies of abstracts of accounts
- loose list of members of the Council, Order of Precedence
- pasted in copies of agendas for meetings
- pasted in copies of abstract of accounts
- pasted in copies of lists of office bearers
- pasted in report by a sub-committee recommending a change in the Laws of the Society regarding reducing the Composition Fee for Life Membership in proportion to length of membership, 14 December 1944
- pasted in notice of the 60th Annual Conference of the Cryptogamic Section of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh to be held on the 4th and 5th of October, 1946
- pasted in lists of office bearers
- pasted in notice of the Annual Cryptogamic Meeting and Foray to be held on 26th-28th September, 1947
- pasted in notice of the 59th Annual Conference of the Cryptogamic Section of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, to be held on the 26th to the 28th September 1947

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1948-1954

Includes:

- loose correspondence between the President and Elizabeth Knox, Secretary of the Botanical Society with people on behalf of members of the Royal Family, 1950-1952
- loose letter to H.R. Fletcher, Honorary Secretary of the Society, from Frank Balfour Browne, Dumfriesshire and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society, (undated)
- loose correspondence between H.R. Fletcher and the Secretary of the Pilgrim Trust, November, 1950
- loose correspondence between with the Secretary of the Botanical Society and the Secretary of the Royal Society, 1949-50, plus a copy of a pamphlet issued by the Royal Society titled 'The Unit of Heat', October 1950
- loose menu from the Botanical Society Dinner, 5th December, 1952
- pasted in copies of the agendas of meetings
- pasted in notices of the Annual Cryptogamic Society Meeting and Foray

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in list of names of people recommended for election as Ordinary Fellows, 11 October, 1948 • pasted in copies of abstracts of accounts • pasted in lists of Office Bearers • loose letter to the Secretary of the Botanical Society, from the G. F. Herbert, Honorary Secretary of the British Co-ordinating Committee for Nature Conservation, October 1949 • loose letter to the Secretary of the Botanical Society from J.R. Matthews, Department of Botany, University of Aberdeen, 26 Nov. 1949 • loose letter from Mrs. Savitri Sahni, President of the Institute of Paleobotany, Lucknow, Indian, 18 Nov. 1949 • loose newspaper clippings, 'Scottish Field Studies Council: Extension of Activities Planned' • loose copy of a letter from Professor Matthews regarding an issue over the election of Honorary Fellows of the Botanical Society • pasted in newspaper clippings summarising meetings • pasted in newspaper clipping titled 'N.C.B. Plans for New Lothian Colliery: 120,000,000 Tons Output Estimated – Bilston Glen Problems' • pasted in copy of an intimation to members of the Society |
| BSS/2/19 | 1954-1959 | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in draft amendments to the Constitution, arising out of the Council Meeting held on 11 March, 1954 • pasted in meeting agendas • pasted in lists of Office Bearers |
| BSS/2/20 | 1959-1968 | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in newspaper clipping advertising the first meeting of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh to be held in Inverness, 5 May, 1961 • pasted in newspaper clipping regarding a talk given at Society meeting, titled 'Plant Hunting in Turkey: Botanist's Talk in Inverness', 5 May 1961 • lists of office bearers • loose newspaper clipping titled 'Field Work in Sarawak: Botanist's Lecture in Inverness', Inverness Courier, 3 May 1963 • loose newspaper clipping titled 'Mountain Plants of North America: Next Week's Lecture in Inverness', Inverness Courier, 3 June 1964 |
| BSS/2/21 | 1968-1989 | <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pasted in letter to Roy Watling, Secretary of the Society from H.R. Fletcher, Regius Keeper, regarding funding for the Plant Exhibition Hall, 6 May 1970 |

- loose annotated copies of the Laws of the Society
- pasted in agendas of meetings
- pasted in reports, recommendations and suggestions to the Council
- pasted in copy of letter to Members and Fellows of the Society regarding the serious financial position of the Botanical Society and measures to be taken to maintain its future, 17 March 1977
- pasted in minutes of the Council Meetings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh
- pasted in Secretary's Reports
- pasted in Summary of the Financial Position of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, June 1982
- pasted in Auditors Reports

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| BSS/2/22 | 1989-2002 | Includes: |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interleaved copy of the Constitution of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, June 1984 • minutes from the Annual General Meeting, 20 June 1991, in which it was formally announced that the Botanical Society of Edinburgh had been renamed the Botanical Society of Scotland • copies of the Income and Expenditure Account • interleaved copies of the annual programme of the Society • interleaved copy of a members questionnaire sent out in order to gather information and produce a Strategic Plan to guide its activities in the next millennium, 1997 • interleaved copy of the Constitution of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, June 1984 |

BSS/3 Council Minutes inc. Agendas, Annual Reports, etc

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| BSS/3/1 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Minutes, Agendas, Annual Reports, Correspondence, etc. – loose folders | |
| BSS/3/1/1 | 1956-62 | Box 1 Includes: |
| BSS/3/1/1/1 | | Folder 1: Minutes of Council and Address List, includes Annual Reports (1956-1960) |
| BSS/3/1/1/2 | | Folder 2: Minutes of Botanical Society Council Meetings and secretary's correspondence (1960-61) |
| BSS/3/1/1/3 | | Folder 3: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, secretary's correspondence, members lists (1960-61) |
| BSS/3/1/1/4 | | Folder 4: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, secretary's correspondence, meeting programmes, members lists (1961-62) |
| BSS/3/1/1/5 | | Folder 5: Members lists, abstracts of accounts, meetings programmes, secretary's correspondence (1961-62) |

- BSS/3/1/2 1962-65 Box 2 includes:
- BSS/3/1/2/1 Folder 1: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meeting, members lists, meeting programmes, secretary's correspondence, abstracts of accounts, meeting agendas, newspaper clippings (1962-63)
 - BSS/3/1/2/2 Folder 2: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, member's lists, secretary's correspondence, abstracts of accounts (1963-64)
 - BSS/3/1/2/3 Folder 3: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, meeting agendas, abstracts of accounts, secretary's correspondence (1964-65)
- BSS/3/1/3 1965-67 Box 3 includes:
- BSS/3/1/3/1 Folder 1: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, secretary's correspondence, meeting agendas (1966-67)
 - BSS/3/1/3/2 Folder 2: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, secretary's correspondence, abstracts of accounts, meeting agendas, members lists (1965-66)
 - BSS/3/1/3/3 Folder 3: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, meeting agendas, secretary's correspondence, members lists (1965-66)
- BSS/3/1/4 1967-1970 Box 4 includes:
- BSS/3/1/4/1 Folder 1: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, abstracts of accounts, meeting programmes and agendas, secretary's correspondence, newspaper clippings (1967-68)
 - BSS/3/1/4/2 Folder 2: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, secretary's correspondence, list of transactions, programmes, members lists (1968-69)
 - BSS/3/1/4/3 Folder 3: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, meeting agendas, secretary's correspondence, papers regarding the Edinburgh Royal Botanical Garden Tercentenary celebrations, proceedings, members lists, copies of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Constitution.
- BSS/3/1/5 1969-1976 Box 5 includes:
- BSS/3/1/5/1 Folder 1: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, secretary's correspondence, meeting agendas (1969-73)
 - BSS/3/1/5/2 Folder 2: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council meetings, agendas, secretary's correspondence, members lists (1970-76)
 - BSS/3/1/5/3 Folder 3: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, meeting agendas, secretary's correspondence, (1970-71)
 - BSS/3/1/5/4 Folder 4: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, secretary's correspondence, members lists (1971-72)
- BSS/3/1/6 1972-1975 Box 6 includes:

- BSS/3/1/6/1 Folder 1: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, members lists, secretary's correspondence, research symposia, newspaper clippings (1972-73)
- BSS/3/1/6/2 Folder 2: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, meeting agendas, secretary's correspondence, research symposia (1973-74)
- BSS/3/1/6/3 Folder 3: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, meeting agendas, secretary's correspondence, copy of the constitution, (1974-75)
- BSS/3/1/7 1975-76 Box 7 includes:
- BSS/3/1/7/1 Folder 1: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, lists of members, meeting programmes and agendas, secretary's correspondence, invoices, financial papers (1975-76)
- BSS/3/1/7/2 Folder 2: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, meeting programmes and agendas, members lists, papers relating to the 'Committee for the Study of the Scottish Flora', newspaper clippings (1976-77)
- BSS/3/1/8 1977-79 Box 8 includes:
- BSS/3/1/8/1 Folder 1: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, meeting agendas, secretary's correspondence, lists of transactions (1977-78)
- BSS/3/1/8/2 Folder 2: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, secretary's correspondence, field meeting reports, papers relating to the 'Committee for the Study of Scottish Flora' (1977-78)
- BSS/3/1/8/3 Folder 3: Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, meeting agendas, field meeting reports, secretary's correspondence, copy of the constitution (1978-79) ,
- BSS/3/1/9 Box Contains: 1978-1986
- BSS/3/1/9/1 Folder 1: 1978-1985 Secretary's correspondence, president's correspondence, Council meeting minutes and agendas, copy of the programme copy of the B.S.E constitution, Annual General Meeting notice and minutes, Scottish Wildlife Trust reports, Summary of the financial position of the B.S.E. at June 1982, list of office bearers 1983/84, summary of accounts 1983/84, Secretary's Report 1983/84.
- BSS/3/1/9/2 Folder 2: 1980-1986 Minutes of the Botanical Society Council Meetings, minutes of the council Annual General Meetings, meeting agendas, draft copy and final copy of the Secretary's Report, 1985/86, secretary's correspondence, including correspondence regarding the sequicentenary, copy of the B.S.E. Trust Fund Accounts, Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet: Session 1985/86.
- BSS/3/1/9/3 Folder 3: 1981-1986 A poem written for the Bot. Soc. sequicentenary celebrations, copies of the programme, secretary's correspondence, president's correspondence,

including presidential nominations, Annual General Meeting notice and minutes, Council meeting minutes and agendas, draft copies of the Secretary's Report 1984/85, draft copy of the Abstract of Accounts 1979/80 – 1983/84, copy of B.S.E. Trust Fund Accounts, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, Session 1981/82 and Session 1982/83.

BSS/3/1/9/4 Folder 4: 1983-1986 Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Council Meetings, meeting agendas, copy of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh Trust Fund Accounts, Income, Balance and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet: Session

BSS/3/2 Bound Session Books

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| BSS/3/2/1 | 1959-1960 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXIV (124); Programme: A Series of Lectures in 'Modern Botanical Thinking' |
| BSS/3/2/2 | 1960-1961 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXV (125); Programme |
| BSS/3/2/3 | 1961-1962 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXVI (126); Programme of Meetings in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, St. Andrews and Inverness |
| BSS/3/2/4 | 1962-1963 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXVII (127); Programme of Meetings in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, St. Andrews and Inverness |
| BSS/3/2/5 | 1963-1964 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXVIII (128); Programme |
| BSS/3/2/6 | 1964-1965 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXIX (129); Programme |
| BSS/3/2/7 | 1965-1966 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXX (130); Programme |
| BSS/3/2/8 | 1966-1967 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXXI (131); Programme |
| BSS/3/2/9 | 1967-1968 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXXII (132); Programme |
| BSS/3/2/10 | 1968-1969 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXXIII (133); Programme |
| BSS/3/2/11 | 1969-1970 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Session CXXXIV (134); Programme |

BSS/4 Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh

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| BSS/4/1 | May 1846-Jan. 1855 | Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh |
| BSS/4/2 | 1855-56 | Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh |
| BSS/4/3 | 1840 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. I |
| BSS/4/4 | 1841-44 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. I |
| BSS/4/5 | 1843-46 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. II |
| BSS/4/6 | 1846-3 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. III-IV |
| BSS/4/7 | 1847-49 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. III |
| BSS/4/8 | 1849-53 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. IV |

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| BSS/4/9 | 1854-58 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. V |
| BSS/4/10 | 1854-60 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. V-VI |
| BSS/4/11 | 1858-60 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. VI |
| BSS/4/12 | 1860-63 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. VII |
| BSS/4/13 | 1861-63 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. VII |
| BSS/4/14 | 1863-66 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. VIII |
| BSS/4/15 | 1863-66 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. VIII |
| BSS/4/16 | 1866-67 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. IX |
| BSS/4/17 | 1866-68 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. IX |
| BSS/4/18 | 1868-69 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. X |
| BSS/4/19 | 1868-70 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. X |
| BSS/4/20 | 1870-73 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XI |
| BSS/4/21 | 1870-73 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XI |
| BSS/4/22 | 1873-76 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XI |
| BSS/4/23 | 1873-76 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XII |
| BSS/4/24 | 1873-76 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XII |
| BSS/4/25 | 1873-76 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XII |
| BSS/4/26 | 1876-79 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XIII |
| BSS/4/27 | 1876-79 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XIII |
| BSS/4/28 | 1879-81 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XIV |
| BSS/4/29 | 1879-82 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XIII |
| BSS/4/30 | 1882-86 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XVI |
| BSS/4/31 | 1879-83 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XIV |
| BSS/4/32 | 1884 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XV |
| BSS/4/33 | 1885-86 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XVI |
| BSS/4/34 | 1886-89 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XVII |
| BSS/4/35 | 1886-89 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XVII |
| BSS/4/36 | 1889-90 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XVIII |
| BSS/4/37 | 1889-90 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XVIII |
| BSS/4/38 | 1891 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XVIII |
| BSS/4/39 | 1893-96 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XX |
| BSS/4/40 | 1893-96 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XX |
| BSS/4/41 | 1896-1900 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXI |
| BSS/4/42 | 1905-08 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXIII |
| BSS/4/43 | 1908-11 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXIV |
| BSS/4/44 | 1910 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXV |
| BSS/4/45 | 1911-15 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXVI |
| BSS/4/46 | 1915-19 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXVII |
| BSS/4/47 | 1919-23 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXVIII |
| BSS/4/48 | 1923-27 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXIX |
| BSS/4/49 | 1924-25 | Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh |
| BSS/4/50 | 1925-26 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, VI. XXIX, Part III |
| BSS/4/51 | 1927-31 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXX |
| BSS/4/52 | 1931-35 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXI |
| BSS/4/53 | 1934-35 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXI, Part IV |

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| BSS/4/54 | 1935-39 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXII |
| BSS/4/55 | 1939-43 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXIII |
| BSS/4/ 56 | 1943-47 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXIV |
| BSS/4/57 | 1947-50 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXV |
| BSS/4/58 | 1950-54 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXVI |
| BSS/4/59 | 1953-54 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXVI |
| BSS/4/60 | 1954-58 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXVII |
| BSS/4/61 | 1958 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXVIII |
| BSS/4/62 | 1958-64 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XXXIX |
| BSS/4/ 63 | 1965 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XL, Part I |
| BSS/4/ 64 | 1966 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XL, Part II |
| BSS/4/ 65 | 1966 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XL, Part II |
| BSS/4/66 | 1967 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XL, Part III |
| BSS/4/67 | 1967-68 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XL, Part IV |
| BSS/4/68 | 1970 | Transactions and Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol. XL, Part V |
| BSS/4/69 | 1970 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.41, Part 1 |
| BSS/4/70 | 1971 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.41, Part 2 |
| BSS/4/71 | 1972 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.41, Part 3 |
| BSS/4/72 | 1972 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.41, Part 4 |
| BSS/4/73 | 1973 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.42, Part 1 |
| BSS/4/74 | 1974 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.42, Part 2 |
| BSS/4/75 | 1975 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.42, Part 3 |
| BSS/4/76 | 1976 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.42, Part 4 |
| BSS/4/77 | 1978 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh Transactions, Vol. 42, Supplement, Cryptogamic Centenary Symposium |
| BSS/4/78 | 1978 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.43, Part 1 |
| BSS/4/79 | 1979 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.43, Part 2 |
| BSS/4/80 | 1980 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.43, Part 3 |
| BSS/4/81 | 1981 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.43, Part 4 |
| BSS/4/82 | 1982 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.44, Part 1 |
| BSS/4/83 | 1983 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.44, Part 2 |
| BSS/4/84 | 1984 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.44, Part 3 |
| BSS/4/84 | 1985 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.44, Part 4 |
| BSS/4/85 | 1936-1986 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, 150 th Anniversary Supplement |
| BSS/4/86 | 1986 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.45, Part 1 |
| BSS/4/87 | 1987 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.45, Part 2 |
| BSS/4/88 | 1988 | Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Vol.45, Part 3 |
| BSS/5/8 | 1849-1890 | Book of Transactions |

BSS/5 Transactions Administration / Exchange Lists

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| BSS/5/1 | mainly pre-1939 | Periodicals Exchange USA |
| BSS/5/2 | pre-c.1949 | Periodicals Exchange Europe |
| BSS/5/3 | mainly c.1920-1938 (but some from c.1900-48) | Periodicals Exchange |
| BSS/5/4 | c.1928-65 | Transactions – Distribution and Exchange Lists |
| BSS/5/5 | 1941-48 | Global Correspondence regarding Transaction Distribution and Exchange |
| BSS/5/6 | 1957-1967 | Correspondence regarding Transactions Distribution and Exchange |
| BSS/5/7 | 1977-78 | Miscellaneous Global Requests for Articles and Transaction |
| BSS/5/8 | April 28 th 1967 | Letter from Roy Watling, Edinburgh to Anthony D. Lilly, Hythe regarding the appointment of Heath as the sole agent of the Society for the sale and distribution of the Transactions. |
| BSS/5/9 | May 17 th 1967 | Estimate form for the removal and shipping of parcels from Edinburgh to Hythe, Kent. |

BSS/6 Secretary's Papers inc. questionnaire results and name change referenda

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| BSS/6/1 | Folder: 1839-1894 | Miscellaneous Correspondence. Includes a letter sent to the Bot. Soc. by Gibson Craig, Buckingham Palace, on behalf of Prince Albert, accepting his election as honorary member, 30 April 1840. |
| BSS/6/2 | Box 1: 1894-1910 | Miscellaneous Correspondence and References |
| BSS/6/2/1 | Folder 1: 1841-1893 | Miscellaneous Correspondence |
| BSS/6/2/2 | Folder 2: | Reference |
| BSS/6/2 | Box2: 1951 -75 | Questionnaires and Results |
| BSS/6/2/1 | Folder 1: 1951-52 | Meeting times |
| BSS/6/2/2 | Folder 2: 1965 | Meeting times and programmes |
| BSS/6/2/3 | Folder 3: 1975 | Programmes, field meetings, symposia, social functions, publications |
| BSS/6/3 | Box 3: 1960 and 1970 | Name Change Referenda |
| BSS/6/3/1 | Folder 1: 1960 | |
| BSS/6/3/2 | Folder2: 1970 | |
| BSS/6/4 | Box 4: 1908-1965 | Meeting Agendas and Minutes, Membership Lists and some Account Summaries |

BSS/7 Treasurer's Papers

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| BSS/7/1 | Cash Books | |
| BSS/7/1/1 | 1836-1839 | includes first subscriptions and expenditures (including Ballot Box) and member lists |
| BSS/7/1/2 | wanting | |
| BSS/7/1/3 | 1850-1877 | includes member lists |
| BSS/7/1/4 | 1876-1893 | includes member lists |
| BSS/7/1/5 | 1893-1919 | includes member lists |
| BSS/7/1/6 | 1919-1930 | includes details of life members fund and member lists |

BSS/7/1/7 1930-1936 includes funds of the Cryptogamic Society of Scotland being transferred to the Botanical Society of Edinburgh
 BSS/7/1/8 wanting
 BSS/7/1/9 1960-1963
 BSS/7/1/10 1963-1973
 BSS/7/1/11 1966-1975

BSS/7/2 Financial Papers (includes correspondence, receipts, invoices, deposit books, cheque stubs, statements of accounts, etc.)

BSS/7/2/1 1836-1866 receipts, invoices and statements of accounts
 BSS/7/2/2 wanting
 BSS/7/2/3 1949-1950
 BSS/7/2/4 1953-1966
 BSS/7/2/5 1966-1970
 BSS/7/2/6 1970-1976
 BSS/7/2/7 c.1974-1979
 BSS/7/2/8 wanting
 BSS/7/2/9 1981-2003 folder of year end financial statements – trust fund accounts, income and expenditure account and balance sheet.

BSS/7/3 Trust Funds

BSS/7/3/1 Symington Grieve Trust Fund
 BSS/7/3/2 Stanley Smith Trust / RBGE Exhibition Hall

BSS/8 Programme Correspondence inc. symposia and projects

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BSS/8/1/1 Folder 1: 1959-1960 Programme: Contains programme, Annual Report from the Council for the 124th Session and programme correspondence.
 BSS/8/1/2 Folder 2: 1960-1961 Programme: Contains programme, programme correspondence, pamphlets relating to the Scottish Field Studies Association, newspaper clipping regarding an award for 'girl botanists' presented to a group of girls from St Margaret's, Aberdeen
 BSS/8/1/3 Folder 3: 1961-1962 Botanical Society Programme: Contains programme and programme correspondence.
 BSS/8/1/4 Folder 4: 1962-63 Botanical Society Programme: Contains programme correspondence and a newspaper clipping from the Highland News advertising a Bot. Soc. Meeting to be held at the Royal Academy. Inverness on 19 April 1963
 BSS/8/1/5 Folder 5: 1963-64 Programme: Contains programme correspondence
 BSS/8/1/6 Folder 6: 1964-65 Programme: Contains programme correspondence and correspondence regarding the payment of subscriptions.

- BSS/8/2 1975-1979 Programme correspondence on agreed lectures (1978-79), Botanical Society of Edinburgh correspondence, 1979 and correspondence regarding requests or library materials, (1975-79)
- BSS/8/3 Symposia
- BSS/8/3/1 Folder 1: 1962 Botanical Society Research Symposia: Contains abstract of papers presented; symposium programme; symposium correspondence
- BSS/8/3/2 Folder 2: 1963 3rd Symposium: Contains abstracts of papers and summaries of demonstrations; research symposium programme and symposium correspondence
- BSS/8/3/3 Folder 3: 1964 Research Symposium: Contains symposium programme; symposium correspondence and a report summarising the symposium.
- BSS/8/3/4 Folder 4: 1984-85 Sitka Spruce Symposium: Contains secretary's correspondence regarding attendance and organisation of the 1986 Sitka Spruce symposium, includes a copy of 'Forestry '85' – a newsletter which reports highlights from the Forestry Commission 1984-85 Annual Report, published in the 7th of November 1985'.
- BSS/8/3/5 Folder 5: 1882-86 Sitka Spruce Symposium: Contains papers and correspondence regarding the organisation of the 1986 Sitka Spruce Symposium. Includes correspondence regarding the organisation of the symposium, draft copy of the symposium programme, final copies of the symposium programme, list of speakers at the symposium and a list of names and addresses.
- BSS/8/3/6 Folder 6: 1986 Sitka Spruce Symposium: Contains two copies of the programme of the Sitka Spruce Symposium, October 1986 BSE 150th Celebrations; symposium correspondence; a report summarising the symposium; lists of names and addresses; abstracts of papers presented; list of poster contributors and Sitka Spruce field excursion programme.
- BSS/8/3/7 Folder 7: 1991 Salix Symposium: Contains symposium correspondence; list of names and addresses; symposium programme and lists of possible contributors.
- BSS/8/3/8 Folder 8: 2002 Plant Conservation in Scotland Symposium – Archive Material: Contains symposium programme; list of names and addresses of participants; symposium agenda and abstracts of papers presented.
- BSS/8/3/9 Folder 9: 2005 Atlantic Oakwoods Symposium Material: Contains abstracts of papers presented; list of names and addresses of participants; symposium programme; minutes of the meetings of the Atlantic Oakwoods Symposium sub-committee; minutes of the meeting held to organize a conference field trip; field trip itinerary and an article from The Botanics, Autumn 2005, titled 'Life on the Western Edge'.
- BSS/8/3/10 Folder 10: 2007 Arctic and Alpine Flora Symposium – Archive Material: Contains symposium programme and abstracts of papers presented.
- BSS/8/3/10 Envelope: 1996-2002 Archive Material BSE and BSS: Contains a list of BSS Council members 1997-98; Programme and invitation to the Scottish Annual Meeting, 1996 of the Botanical Society of the British Isles

Committee for Scotland, Botanical Society of Scotland and the Glasgow Natural History Society and a copy of a letter sent out to BSS members regarding subscription rates, 2001

- BSS/8/4 Projects, e.g. Plant Surveys
- BSS/8/4/1 Book entitled "Localities for Plants with Authorities, J.S. [John Sadler]" and containing lists of plants, where they were found and who by, namely Dr Alexander, Dr Walker Arnott, Mr G. Atkin, Baber, C.C. Babington, Dr [John Hutton] Balfour, A.H. Balfour, Dr Barry, Mr J.B. Bell, William Brand, W.H. Campbell, Lindsay Carnegie, Mr Carpenter, Christy, Cruickshanks, Dr Dewar, R.W. Falconar, Mr E. Forbes, Dr Fraser, Revd G. Gordon, Dr Graham, Dr Greville, Prof Henslow, Hore, Mr Hunter, Leife, Mr Lees, Revd. Mr Leighton, Mr Mack, Mr James Macaulay, Dr Maclagan, Mr James McNab, Gilbert McNab, Dr Macreight, Mr Martin, Robert Maughan, Dr Pollerfen[?], Mr Reid (Montrose), Mr Scott, Mr Stables, Mr Stevens, Mr Stewart, Mr Spencer Thomson, Dr Tyacke, Mr Julius Veronge, N.B. Ward, N.J. Ward, H.C. Watson and Mr F.J. White.
- BSS/8/4/2 1956-1957 Committee for the Study of the Scottish Flora Contains: List of rules of the committee; list of members and objects of the society; correspondence; programmes of field meetings and reports of field meetings.
- BSS/8/4/3 c.1983-c.1984 Botany of the Lothians Survey Sheets. 5 boxes arranged by square number. The results of the survey became 'Plant Life of Edinburgh and the Lothians'. (See also BSS/9/2/22)

BSS/9 Publications

- BSS/9/1 Published Articles/Press
- BSS/9/1/1 1836 – 1872 Scrap Book containing pasted in newspaper articles regarding the Botanical Society of Edinburgh
- BSS/9/2 Published Books and associated publications
- BSS/9/2/1 Surgeon-Major H.H. [Henry Halcro] Johnston, 'Reports on the Flora of Ile des Aigrettes, and Les Bénitiers Mauritius', Reprinted from the Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh (1894)
- BSS/9/2/2 Surgeon-Major H.H. Johnston, 'Additions to the Flora of Orkney, As Recorded in Watson's "Topographical Botany"', Second Edition (1883) [Reprinted from 'The Annals of Scottish Natural History,' No. 15 pp. 173-181 (July 1895), with corrections up to 31st December 1924, on 1st of January 1925]
- BSS/9/2/3 Colonel H.H. Johnston, Additions to the Flora of Orkney, as recorded in Watson's 'Topographical Botany,' Second Edition (1883), 'Observations on Notes on the Flora of the Orkney Isles: by Arthur Bennett, A.L.S.,' published in 'Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh,' vol. xxvii, part I, pp.54-59 (1916). Corrections to 'Notice of Some of the Rarer Plants Observed in Orkney During the Summer of 1849: By John T. Syme, Esq.,' Published in 'Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh,' vol. iv, part I, pp 47-50 (1850), [Reprinted from the Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, vol. xxviii, part i.] (1920)

- BSS/9/2/4 Colonel H.H. Johnston, 'Additions to the Flora of Orkney, as recorded in Watson's "Topographical Botany." 'Second Edition (1883). Ninth Paper. [Reprinted from the 'Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh' vol. xxix, part iii.] (1926)
- BSS/9/2/5 Colonel H.H. Johnston, 'Additions to the Flora of Shetland' Second Paper, [Communicated to the Botanical Society of Edinburgh on 17th May 1928], Printed by Neill & Co. Ltd., 212 Causewayside, Edinburgh (1928)
- BSS/9/2/6 Colonel H.H. Johnston 'Additions to the Flora of Shetland,' Third Paper, Printed by Neill & Co., Ltd., 212 Causewayside, Edinburgh. (1st May 1929)
- BSS/9/2/7 Colonel H.H. Johnston 'Additions to the Flora of Shetland,' Fourth Paper, Printed by Neill & Co., Ltd., 212 Causewayside, Edinburgh. (1st December 1929)
- BSS/9/2/8 H.H. Johnston, 'Additions to the Flora of Orkney, as recorded in Watson's "Topographical Botany." 'Second Edition (1883). Fourteenth Paper. Printed by Neill & Co., Ltd. 212 Causewayside, Edinburgh. (15th of January 1931)
- BSS/9/2/9 H.H. Johnston, 'Additions to the Flora of Orkney, as recorded in Watson's "Topographical Botany." 'Second Edition, (1883). Fifteenth Paper. Printed by Neill & Co., Ltd. 212 Causewayside, Edinburgh. (8th of March 1932)
- BSS/9/2/10 H.H. Johnston, 'Additions to the Flora of Orkney, as recorded in Watson's "Topographical Botany." 'Second Edition, (1883). Sixteenth Paper. Printed by Neill & Co., Ltd. 212 Causewayside, Edinburgh. (4th of March 1933)
- BSS/9/2/11 James Stirling, 'Notes on a Census of the Flora of the Australian Alps', From the Transactions of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh (1903)
- BSS/9/2/12 'The Field-Club Flora of the Lothians' Edited by Isa. H. Martin, Published by the Botanical Committee of The Edinburgh Natural history Society, Printed in Great Britain by William Blackwood and Sons Ltd (1934)
- BSS/9/2/13 Reprints from A.M. MacLeod and L.S. Copley (eds.) "Contemporary Botanical Thought", (1961) – a volume consisting of a series of lectures hosted by the Botanical Society of Edinburgh.
- BSS/9/2/13/1 Kenneth Mather, Department of Genetics, University of Edinburgh, 'Genetics'
- BSS/9/2/13/2 E.J.H. Corner, Botany School, University of Cambridge, 'Evolution'
- BSS/9/2/13/3 A.S. Watt, Botany School, University of Cambridge, 'Ecology'
- BSS/9/2/13/4 N.F. Robertson, Botany Department, University of Hull, 'Mycology'
- BSS/9/2/13/5 Merion Thomas, Department of Botany, King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 'Physiology'
- BSS/9/2/13/6 I. Manton, Department of Botany, University of Leeds, 'Plant Cell Structure'
- BSS/9/2/14 'Plant Life of South-West Asia' Edited by Peter H. Davis, Peter C. Harper and Ian C. Hedge, Published by the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Printed in Great Britain at the University of Aberdeen (1971)

- BSS/9/2/15 'John Anthony's Flora of Sutherland' Edited and compiled by J.B. Kentworthy, Published by the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Printed in Great Britain at Aberdeen University Press (1976)
- BSS/9/2/16 'British and Irish Herbaria' Compiled by D.H. Kent and D.E. Allen, Published by the Botanical Society of the British Isles c/o British Museum (Natural History), London (1984)
- BSS/9/2/17 2 copies of 'A Checklist of the Flowering Plants and Ferns of Midlothian' Compiled and Edited by Douglas R. McKean, Based substantially on the records of E.P. Beattie, Published by the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, First Edition, (1988)
- BSS/9/2/18 2 copies of 'A Checklist of the Flowering Plants and Ferns of Midlothian' Compiled and Edited by Douglas R. McKean, Based substantially on the Records of E.P. Beattie, Published by the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Second Edition (Revised)(1989)
- BSS/9/2/19 2 copies of 'A Checklist of the Flowering Plants of East Lothian' Compiled and Edited by A.J. Silverside and E.H. Jackson, Based substantially on the records of E.P. Beattie, Botanical Society of Edinburgh (1988)
- BSS/9/2/20 'A Checklist of the Flowering Plants and Ferns of West Lothian' Compiled and Edited by Jacqueline Muscott, Based on records accumulated by E.P. Beattie and substantially enhanced by N.F. Stewart in the course of a Nature Conservancy Council survey, Botanical Society of Edinburgh (1989)
- BSS/9/2/21 'A Map Flora of Mainland Inverness-shire', Edited by G. Hadley, Published by the Botanical Society of Edinburgh and the Botanical Society of the British Isles (1985)
- BSS/9/2/22 "Plant Life in Edinburgh and the Lothians" 2002. Box includes:
- BSS/9/2/22/1 P.M. Smith, R.O.D. Dixon and M.P. Cochrane (eds.) 'Plant Life in Edinburgh and the Lothians' Edinburgh University Press (2002)
- BSS/9/2/22/2 Unbound copy of P.M. Smith, R.O.D. Dixon and M.P. Cochrane (eds.) 'Plant Life in Edinburgh and the Lothians' Edinburgh University Press (2002)
- BSS/9/2/22/3 Folder containing copies of the art work used in Smith, Dixon and Cochrane (eds.) 'Plant Life of Edinburgh and the Lothians' (2002)
- BSS/9/2/22/4 Paper copies of the figures and logos used in Smith, Dixon and Cochrane (eds.) 'Plant Life of Edinburgh and the Lothians' (2002)
- BSS/9/2/22/5 Envelope containing an image titled 'Nitella flexilis var. flexilis' Fig. 6.1, featured in Chapter 6 of Smith, Dixon and Cochrane (eds.) 'Plant Life of Edinburgh and the Lothians' (2002)
- BSS/9/2/22/6 Folder containing Flora text without maps from Chapter 13 of Paper copies of Smith, Dixon and Cochrane (eds.) 'Plant Life of Edinburgh and the Lothians' (2002)
- BSS/9/2/22/7 7 CDs of containing the artwork and page layout of Smith, Dixon and Cochrane (eds.) 'Plant Life of Edinburgh and the Lothians' (2002)
- BSS/9/2/22/8 4 boxes containing 36 Floppy Disks holding text, maps, logos and figures used in Smith, Dixon and Cochrane (eds.) 'Plant Life of Edinburgh and the Lothians' (2002)

- BSS/9/2/22/9 Record sheets, instructions for recorders and correspondence relating to the Botany of the Lothians. (See also BSS/8/4/3 for Survey Sheets)
- BSS/9/3 B.S.E. News – The Newsletter of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh
1970-1989
Nos. 1-52
- BSS/9/4 Publications Administration:
- BSS/9/4/1 1971-1978 Folder 1: Correspondence regarding orders placed for copies of Davis, et al. 'Plant Life of South-West Asia'
- BSS/9/4/2 1970-72 Folder 2: Correspondence regarding Davis, et al. 'Plant Life of South-West Asia' and a review of the publication.
- BSS/9/4/3 1976-78 Folder 3: Correspondence regarding orders placed for John Anthony, 'Flora of Sutherland'
- BSS/9/4/4 1975 Folder 4: Botanical Society of Edinburgh News - Correspondence regarding a mailing list promotion
- BSS/9/4/5 Printed List of Botanical Society of Edinburgh Publications plus prices at which they were available to Society members.**
- BSS/9/5 Printers' Blocks
- BSS/9/5/1 Box containing Printing Blocks used in the production of 'Plant Life of South-West Asia' Edited by Peter H. Davis, Peter C. Harper and Ian C. Hedge, Published by the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Printed in Great Britain at the University of Aberdeen (1971)
- BSS/9/5/2-5 4 Boxes containing Printing Blocks possibly used in the production of various Botanical Society publications

BSS/10 Botanical Society Club

- BSS/10/1 Papers of the Botanical Society Club
1838-1985
- BSS/10/1/1 Folder 1: List of Members 1881-1906; Verses dedicated and submitted to the Botanical Society Club on their Anniversary Dinner, 1871, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1880; Miscellaneous Correspondence to I.B. Balfour regarding the Annual Meetings of the Botanical Society Club, 1895-1921
- BSS/10/1/2 Folder 2: Report of the Botanical Society Club's Annual Meetings commemorating the Club's formation in 1838-1906; Minutes showing the Origins of the Society and a list of members past and present.
- BSS/10/1/3 Loose: Copies of the Pamphlets from 1881 and 1990 Anniversary Meetings; Pamphlet commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Botanical Society Club, February 1910; Menu from 1912.
- BSS/10/1/4 Bundle of papers found in the Botanical Society Club's first Minute Book – related to Bot. Soc. Club box in 2011. Papers relate to John Hutton Balfour – his biography and involvement in the foundation of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh and the Botanical Society Club. Also includes letters from Edward Aglen and Miss Muscott – March 12 1985
- BSS/10/2 Botanical Society Club Minute Books.

1838-1931

- BSS/10/2/1 1838 – 1906 Minute Book of the Botanical Society Club, includes members lists, and pasted in menus from the Annual Botanical Society Club Dinner and correspondence, loose menus, newspaper clippings and poems.
- BSS/10/2/2 1907 – 1931 Minute Book of the Botanical Society Club, includes lists of members, and pasted in menus from the Annual Botanical Society Club Dinner, pasted in photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence.
- BSS/10/3 Botanical Society Club Photograph Album containing photographs of members including W.H. Campbell, James McNab, Giles Munby, Nicholas Tyacke, William Brand, James Young Simpson, Sir Walter Elliott, Alexander Dickson, John Cleland and Ferdinand Bower.

BSS/11 Centenary / Celebrations

- BSS/11/1 1936 Botanical Society of Edinburgh Scrapbook. Includes:
- pasted in centenary meeting programme
 - centenary celebration invitations
 - centenary celebration luncheon programme
 - table plan and a list of guests
 - newspaper articles
 - letters from various societies and institutions offering their congratulations
 - certificates celebrating the centenary
 - invitation acceptance and rejection letters
 - addresses to the Society on the occasion of its centenary
 - group picture of the BSE
- BSS/11/2 1936 Large box of centenary addresses and certificates. Including:
- BSS/11/2/1 Institution Botanicae. Universitatis Regiae Upsalensis, Praefectus.
- BSS/11/2/2 The University of Cambridge
- BSS/11/2/3 Royal Botanic Garden, Kew
- BSS/11/2/4 The University of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- BSS/11/2/5 The Royal Society of London
- BSS/11/2/6 The Polish Academy of Sciences and Letters, Krakow, Poland
- BSS/11/2/7 The Linnean Society of London
- BSS/11/2/8 Edinburgh and East of Scotland College of Agriculture
- BSS/11/2/9 British Museum of Natural History
- BSS/11/2/10 Societas Regia Scientiarum Upsaliensis
- BSS/11/2/11 Royal Microscopic Society
- BSS/11/2/12 Botanical Society of Geneva
- BSS/11/3 1936 Booklet from the centenary celebrations which includes address delivered at the centenary meeting by Professor F.O. Bower, a list of Presidents of the BSE 1836-1936, and a survey of activities of the Society.
- BSS/11/4 1986 Material relating to the 1986 Sequicentenary Celebrations.
- BSS/11/4/1 Folder: Includes -
- letter from Roy Watling to HRH Prince Philip, thanking him for introducing the special commemorative issue of BSE News and for the letter congratulating the Society on the

occasion of its sequicentenary. In the letter Watling then goes on to request if he can reproduce his comments in the celebratory issue of the Transactions. (21 March 1986)

- letter from Brigadier Clive Robertson, on behalf of HRH Prince Philip, to Roy Watling thanking him for his previous letter and giving him permission to reproduce the foreword he had written for the BSE News in the Transactions. (26 March 1986)
- invitation to Roy Watling from Mary Briggs, Botanical Society of the British Isles, asking him to attend the Sequicentenary Conversazione at the Linnean Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly. (6 April 1986)
- programme of the Sequicentenary Conversazione at the Linnean Society. (10 May 1986)
- copy of the 'Scotsman Magazine' Vol.7, No.1 (April 1986), which contains an article titled 'Garden's Question Time' by Helen Anderson, regarding the Botanical Society of Edinburgh and its Sequicentenary.
- letter from Roy Watling to Helen Anderson regarding the article in the 'Scotsman Magazine' (7 April 1986)
- two photographs taken at the centenary celebrations of the BSE in 1936, one includes F.O. Bower and A.W. Hill (Director of Kew), the other includes a group of people some of who are named on the reverse.

BSS/11/4/2 Envelope labeled 150th Anniversary. Includes:

- a copy of the menu for the Special Dinner held in honour of the Society's Honorary Fellows on the occasion of the 10th International Botanical Congress, Edinburgh Castle, August 8th 1964.
- a copy of the menu for the Plant Life in S W Asia Symposium Dinner held at Prestonfield House as part of the RBGE Tercentenary Celebrations, June 4th 1970.

BSS/12 Ephemera

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| BSS/12/1 | 1836 Ballot Box |
| BSS/12/2 | Box containing 2 Botanical Society of Edinburgh Dies, one marked 'Bot. Soc. Edin.' and one marked 'Botanical Society Edinburgh'. |
| BSS/12/3 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh seal, marked 'Botanical Society of Edinburgh, Martii 1936'. |
| BSS/12/4 | Large envelope titled 'Bot. Soc. Papers', containing what appears to have been part of a BSE display, including captions, a list of British Honorary Fellows, a list of Honorary Foreign Fellows and a mounted copy of the Programme (1962-63). |
| BSS/12/5 | Photograph Album containing pictures of members of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh. |
| BSS/12/6 | Box containing printing dies, transferred from a box marked 'Bot. Soc. Ed. Misc. Dies (Printing).' |
| BSS/12/7 | Insurance Policy from Phoenix Fire Office, insuring printed books and pamphlets forming the Transactions of the Botanical Society in the Botanical Herbarium Hall, 13 March 1888. (Stored with the box of certificates celebrating the Botanical Society of Edinburgh's Centenary – BSS/11/2). |
| BSS/12/8 | Copy of the Queen Mother's 100 th Birthday Letter from the Botanical Society of Scotland (2000) (currently stored with BSS/11/2) |
| BSS/12/9 | Botanical Society of Edinburgh Victoria and Edward VII Diplomas (currently stored with BSS/11/2) |