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Scottish Alpine Botanical Club catalogue

GB235 SAB

Founded 9 August 1870

"The austerity of Scottish life extends relentlessly to its alpine flora as to any of its other inhabitants."

From SABC notes on the Flora of Ben Lawers, June 1932.

Dates of creation: 1870-1947

Extent and Medium: 3 boxes, 1 leather briefcase containing photograph album, snuff mull, leather bag

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GB235 SAB/1: Minute Books

SAB/1/1 volume 1, Minute Book, ms., 1870–1890. Includes reprint of John Sadler's "Notice of Salix Sadleri (*Syme*) and of Carex Frigida (*Allioni*), Trans. Boc. Soc., Sadler's notes on Ben Nevis (see SAB/2), and newspaper cuttings on botanical excursions; misc. correspondence, including letters to I.B. Balfour; 1 photograph of members.

SAB/1/2 volume 2, Minute Book, ms., 1890–1906. Includes publication on the club's founding, list of members, and details on excursions, 1899; correspondence; reprints of Boc. Soc. articles on club excursions.

SAB/1/3 volume 3 Minute Book, ms., 1906–1931. Includes photographs of members, sites of botanical excursions, and plants.

SAB/1/4 volume 4 Minute Book, ms., 1932–1947.

GB235 SAB/2: Accounts, ledger, ms., 1871–1946. Includes list of members in order of seniority, July 1942.

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GB235 SAB/3: Correspondence / Papers:

Papers, correspondence, and newspaper cuttings. Correspondents include Robert Moyes Adam, Isaac Bayley Balfour, William Craig, W. W. Smith, and George Taylor, ms. and typescript, 1921–1946. Papers include lists of excursions from Minute Books, ms., 1870–1889; Report of the Committee for the Revision of the Rules, ms. and 3 typescript copies, July 1879; 3 bank account books, Edinburgh Savings Bank, 1878–1889, 1890–1911, 1912–1949 and financial receipts and statements, ms., 1946–1947; list of members, ms., plant lists, ms. and typescript; obituaries of the Rev. J. Aiken, Alexander Cowan, Dr A.H. Evans, Dr. Charles Stuart

GB235 SAB/4: Publications, including reprints of articles on SABC excursions and misc. plant photographs (copies). "Index to the Qualifying Hills," compiled by William Craig, SABC Secretary (arranged according to height and alphabetically), 2 copies; John Sadler, "Notes on a Botanical Trip to Ben Nevis, Inverness-shire, in July, 1876," Gardeners' Chronicle, 1877; William Craig, "Excursion of the Scottish Alpine Botanical Club in August 1887, Hardanger District of Norway," Trans. Bot. Soc., 1887–1888; Charles Stuart, "Excursion of the Scottish Alpine Club to Braemar in 1889," Trans. Bot. Soc., 1889; "Report of Scottish Alpine Botanical Club Excursion to Teesdale and Kirkby Lonsdale, 1909," Trans. Bot. Soc., 1910, 11 copies.

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GB235 SAB/5 Photo Album

Portraits of SABC members presented by David T. Playfair, 1900. In album order: John Hutton Balfour, Alexander Dickson, William Brack Boyd(1), David Paul, William Craig (1), Charles Stuart, P. Neill Fraser, Andrew Peebles Aitken, Robert Lindsay, A.H. Evans, Henry Macdonald Church, George H. Potts, F.C. Crawford, George Gunn, George Alison, John Sadler(1), W.W. Peyton, David T. Playfair, Archibald Gibson, Alexander Cowan, James John Marshall Lang Aiken, Robert Christison, William Craig (2), John Sadler (2), Douglas Maclagan, I. Anderson Henry, Prof. Alman, William Brack Boyd (2). Includes photographs of excursion to Fortingale, 1927, and 2 photographs of SABC members in front of the Royal Hotel, Kirkby Lonsdale, 1899 (see William Craig, "Excursion of the Scottish Alpine Botanical Club to Kirkby-Lonsdale in 1899," Trans. Boc. Soc. vol. 21, 1897). Note: Portrait of James McNab (copy of engraving) found in album moved to portrait collection.

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GB235 SAB/6: Maps

Ten boxes of Ordnance Survey of Scotland maps, 10 maps per box; 10 loose maps, Ordnance Survey of Ireland. SABC labels on boxes and maps listing sites of the club's excursions and OS sheet numbers.

Box I: Loch Awe (South) (37); Ben Lomond (38); Iona (43); Mull (44); Ben Cruachan (45); Killin (46); Ben Lawers (47); Ben Nevis (53); Ben Alder (54); Schiehallion (55).

Box II: Glen Shee (56); Arisaig (61); Glen Spean (62); Sow of Athole (63); Ben Macdhuì (64); Lochnagar (65); Cuillin Hills (70); Skye (71); Glen Affric (72); Glen Moriston (73).

Box III: Cairn Gorm (74); Ben Avon (75); Portree (80); Applecross (81); Lochalsh (82); Dingwall (83); Loch Gairloch (91); Loch Maree (92); Ben Wyvis (93); Tain (94).

Box IV: Ullapool (101); Loch Shin (102); Dornoch (103); Loch Assynt (107); Ben More Assynt (108); Helmsdale (109); Latheron (110); Cape Wrath (113); Ben Hope (114); Farr (115).

Box V: Wick (116); Middleton-in-Teesdale; Ingleborough Hill; Kirkby Lonsdale; Windermere; Helvellyn; Penrith; Fort William and Ben Nevis (53); Arisaig (61).

Loose maps: Ireland: Clare Island, Inishbofin Island, Inishturk Island (73); Murrisk (74); Bencullagh, Urrisbeg (93); Benbaun (94); Galway, Moycullen, (95); Co. Kerry: Dingle, Ventry, Brandon Mt. (160; 171); Co. Kerry: Tralee Bay (161); Co. Kerry (183; 191); Killarney (173); Co. Kerry: Kenmore (184).

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GB235 SAB/7: Ephemera / Objects

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| SAB/7/1 | Snuff Mull made from horn of feral sheep with etched silver decorations and still with snuff inside. Mull held inside soft chamoix leather bag. Presented to the Club by William Brack Boyd in 1880. |
| SAB/7/2 | large leather bag donated to the SABC by Alex Cowan of Penicuik (on shelf alongside collection) |

Description compiled by M.R.

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