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GB235 FOA

Adam Forman Sphagnum Moss Collection

1916—1918

1 box

**Scope and content**

The collection comprises photographs and reports related to the gathering and preparation of *Sphagnum* moss, in and around the Moffat/Beattock area, S.W. Scotland, which was used as a medical dressing for wounds. See also *Sphagnum* Moss collection for related material, including photocopies of reports on gathering areas, a memo by Rev Adam Forman, and a report by W.W. Smith.

For information on the Forman family, including a family tree, see Denis Forman, *Son of Adam* (London: Andre Deutsch, 1990).

Acquisition: Dr Adam Forman (grandson of Rev. Adam Forman), 8 October 2018.

The collection was categorised and arranged as follows:

**GB235 FOA/1** Photographs

**GB235 FOA/2** Forman’s Reports

**GB235 FOA/3** Later Additions (photocopied reports, articles, poem)

**FOA/1 Photographs**

**FOA/1/1** Album: ‘Moss Photographs’, photograph album, 92 b&w photos depicting the gathering and preparation of Sphagnum moss, many taken outside of Craigielands, home of the Forman family.

**FOA/1/2** Loose photographs, mainly Duplicates from ‘Moss Photographs,’ approx. 70 b&w photos

**FOA/2 Forman’s Reports**

**FOA/2/1** “Memo re Gathering” by Rev A. Forman, Craigielands, Beattock, June 1918, carbon copy, 6 pp.

**FOA/2/2** Reports on 12 gathering areas, carbon copy with ms. Annotations

**FOA/3 Later Additions**

**FOA/3/1** Report on Sphagnum Areas, W.W. Smith, RBGE, 1916, photocopy.

**FOA/3/2** Prof. George E. Nichols, “Sphagnum Moss: War Substitute for Cotton in Absorbent Surgical Dressings,” pp. 221–235, Annual Report Smithsonian Institution, 1918, photocopy.

**FOA/3/3** “Sphagnum Moss,” poem by A.M.S.

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