

# A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR BUSINESS ARCHIVES IN SCOTLAND

## 2011 Annual Review

Business archives in Scotland will become even more valuable, representative of economic activity and innovation, accessible to all and supported and developed by strong networks and partnerships.

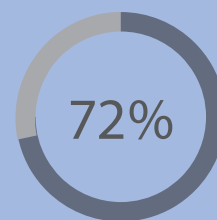
### Implementation Group

# 4 Meetings

January, April, July, October

To lead and drive the 5 year implementation of the National Strategy for Business Archives Scotland

Implementation Group Members

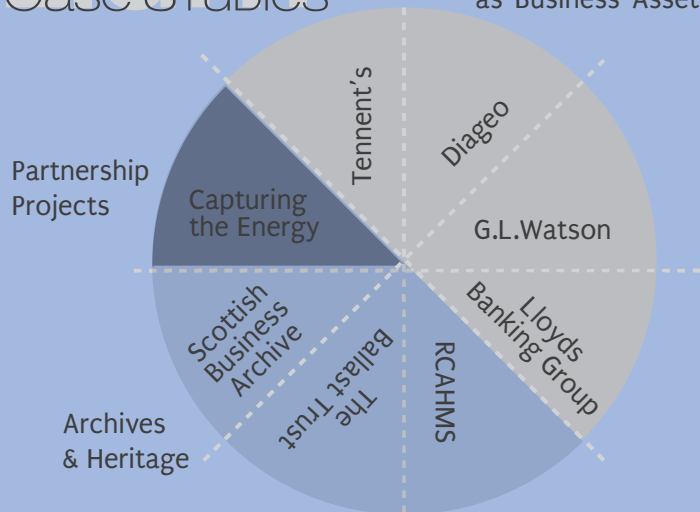


72% of group members represent archive sector organisations

### Resources

# EIGHT Case Studies

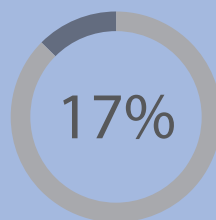
Corporate Archives as Business Assets



### Data Mapping Project

# £3,000

awarded by Archives and Records Association to fund data mapping project



17% of collections are held by private organisations

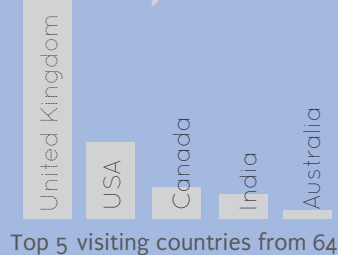
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- Fishing
- Distilling
- Insurance
- Mining
- Oil
- Commerce
- Brewing
- Quarrying
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- Electronics
- Gas Banking
- Trading
- Manufacturing
- Shipbuilding
- Engineering
- Agriculture
- Textiles
- Crafts
- Forestry

# SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN collections identified

The project will locate and map business archive collections in Scotland to create a **single consistent and clarified online dataset**. This will provide improved and **flexible information** for creators, custodians and users of business archives.

Business Archives **ONLINE** 1,943 Visits

financial records  
training  
more case studies & business benefits  
guidance on using business records for family history  
**advice**  
events & news  
crisis management team



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# News & Events in 2011

2011 was an exciting year for business archives in Scotland with the launch in January of the National Strategy for Business Archives and other business archive related exhibitions, awards, conferences and events happening throughout the year. For more information on these stories and up-to-date news about business archives please read our blog: [businessarchivesscotland.blogspot.com](http://businessarchivesscotland.blogspot.com)

## January - March

Launch of the National Strategy for Business Archives in Scotland at the Museum on the Mound, Edinburgh.

Scotland's 100 oldest companies project is started by the Business Archives Council of Scotland (BACS).

## April - June

Glasgow University Archive Services held an open afternoon for the Stoddard-Templeton Archive.

UNESCO world heritage register entries for 2011 include 3 business archive collections in Scotland:

- The National Library of Scotland - John Murray Archive
- Lloyds Banking Group Archives - Bank of Scotland Archives, 1695-2001
- The Royal Bank of Scotland Archives - customer account ledgers of Edward Backwell, 1663-1672. (The ledgers are the earliest systematic set of banking records to survive in the United Kingdom.)

Scottish Shale Oil Industry records are returned to Almond Valley Heritage Trust on loan from the BP archive.

The 300th anniversary of Scotts' of Greenock is marked by the Scotts' Men exhibition at the McLean Museum, Greenock.

## July - September

The Pringle Archive Project 1815-2011 held an exhibition at Harvey Nichols, Edinburgh.

The National Library of Scotland and The Royal Bank of Scotland held an exhibition of their material relating to the Darien Scheme.

Lyle & Scott hosted an 'Archive Exchange' day in Hawick to kick-start their campaign to restore the company's archives.

The Scottish Council on Archives launched their Archives Matter brochure. It included examples of business archives - discussing company heritage with Lloyds Banking Group, technical records with the Ballast Trust and the use of archives for marketing with Diageo.

The National Archives published the results of its annual 'Accessions to Repositories' survey. Some of the business archive collections now held by repositories in Scotland included:

- Joseph Brown, stonemason, Banff - Aberdeen City Archives
- Craigenlow Quarries Ltd, Dunecht 1946-1979 - Aberdeen University, Special Libraries and Archives
- Weir Group plc, pump manufacturers 1900-1986 - Clackmannanshire Archives
- James MacLaren & Sons, architects and surveyors, Dundee 1862-1896 - Dundee City Archives
- Don Brothers, Buist & Co Ltd, jute and flax spinners and manufacturers, Dundee c1806-1945 - Dundee University Archive, Records Management and Museum Services
- Edinburgh and Leith Master Plumbers' Association 1911-1970 - Edinburgh City Archives
- Falkirk & Larbert Water Trust: letter books, accounts, meter survey books 1890-1970 - Falkirk Council Archives
- Highland Railway Co c1890-1970 - Highland Council Archives
- James Fleming, general drapers, Blairgowrie c1920-1953 - Perth and Kinross Council Archive
- John Baxter (Chemists) Ltd, Cambuslang c1920-1989 - Strathclyde University Archives

## October - December

The Business Archives Council of Scotland (BACS) and Archives and Records Association Scottish Region held a joint financial records conference sponsored by CAIS Dundee to provide training on the records of financial institutions.

A new online catalogue for the House of Fraser collection was launched by the University of Glasgow Archive Services.

Data mapping project starts.

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