

GLASGOW CITY ARCHIVES

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Pollokshields – Collection Description

Pollokshields was conceived in 1849 when Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 8th baronet (1791-1865), commissioned architect David Rhind (1801-1883) to draw up plans for the development of the Shields part of his estate. The proposed suburb was designed to accommodate middle-class Glaswegians seeking quality housing beyond the boundaries of the congested city. Rhind's scheme divided Pollokshields into two distinct zones. While the eastern district consisted of terraces and tenements, the west consisted entirely of villas. Shields Road separated the two areas.

Despite the spaciousness of its tenements, the eastern district came to be far more densely built-up. By 1881 the west had 2,104 inhabitants compared with the east's 4,360, although the west covered more than twice the territory. The west was also exclusively residential, which meant that the east came to be the focus of social activity, accommodating shops, schools, churches and community buildings.

Fear of Glasgow domination, especially the burden of city taxes, induced the westerners to seek formal, self-governing status. In 1876 their community became an independent police burgh with an elected council. However, Pollokshields home rule was short-lived. The promise of generous taxation concessions eventually induced the burgh to amalgamate with Glasgow in 1891.

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H-SHI	Sub-Fonds	1876 - 1892
	<i>Records of the Burgh of Pollokshields</i>	
	0.5 linear metres	
	<p>The collection includes: documents relating to the formation and proposed extension of the burgh, 1876-1888 (H-SHI/1); minutes, 1876-1891 (H-SHI/2); legal records 1877-1890 (H-SHI/3); letter books, 1877-1892 (H-SHI/4); Dean of Guild Court records, including minutes, 1884-1891, register of petitions, 1887-1891, and petitions, 1885-1891 (not included in this catalogue); Police court papers, 1888-1891 (H-SHI/6); account book 1889-1891 (H-SHI/7); registrar's returns 1887-1891 (H-SHI/8); Medical Officers monthly reports, 1889-1891 (H-SHI/9); and standing orders 1877 (H-SHI/11).</p> <p>There are papers relating to the transfer of papers to Glasgow following annexation at H-SHE/4/31 including correspondence, a list of the burgh's workmen, details of officials and their salaries and an inventory of documents.</p>	
H-SHI/1	Item	31 Oct 1876 - 9 Mar 1888
	<i>Pollokshields Burgh - Formation and Extension Extracts</i>	
	1 volume	
	<p>The volume contains the registered extract of the petition, dated 31st October 1876, of Pollokshields householders to become a burgh under the terms of the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act 1862 with the deliverance and a table of the number and type of houses erected, number of shops and manufactories and the population; an extract of the minutes of meeting of householders held on 28th November and 1st December 1876; certified copy of the petition by the Commissioners of Pollokshields for extension of boundaries, 1884; and a further petition for extension 1888. The first petition contains a list of the names and addresses of householders.</p>	
H-SHI/2	Series	1876 - 1891
	<i>Minute Books of the Burgh of Pollokshields</i>	
	7 volumes	
H-SHI/2/1	Sub-Series	1876 - 1890
	<i>Burgh of Pollokshields Minute Books</i>	
	2 volumes	
	<p>The Commissioners appointed committees on Finance; Lighting, Sanitary and Fire; and Police and Streets, Roads and Footpaths and adopted standing orders (p74 first volume). The minutes include the sighting of lamps; the purchase of fire equipment; street numbering; footpath and street construction and maintenance; the provision of and charges for hospital accommodation in the Govan and Kinning Park Joint Hospital; setting the assessment; discussion of legislation;</p>	

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cleansing; construction of railways in the burgh; reports by the Sanitary Inspector and Medical Officer of Health; and the construction of the Burgh Buildings and Maxwell Park. The volume also contains the minutes of the Commissioners meetings as a local authority in terms of the Public Health Act 1867 and the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act 1878.

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| H-SHI/2/1/1 | Item | 25 Dec 1876 -
11 Aug 1884 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Minute Book No 1</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | The volume starts with a short history of the foundation of the Burgh followed by a copy of the extracted petition and deliverance which founded the Burgh (see H-SHI/1). The minutes start on p58. At the end of the volume are copies of memorials for the opinion of counsel on the necessity of providing a hospital and disinfection services; and the necessity of cleaning out private ash pits etc. | |
| H-SHI/2/1/2 | Item | 1 Sep 1884 -
19 May 1890 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Minute Book No 2</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| H-SHI/2/2 | Item | 13 May 1886 -
10 Oct 1891 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Finance Committee Minute Book</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | The committee met to set the assessment and pay accounts. At the front of the volume is a list of committee members from 1885. | |
| H-SHI/2/3 | Item | 16 Nov 1887 -
5 Jan 1891 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Minute Book of the Parliamentary Committee</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | The committee dealt with the case for the Burgh to the Glasgow Boundaries Commission and the Burgh Extension. | |
| H-SHI/2/4 | Item | 29 Dec 1885 -
5 Oct 1891 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Minute Book of the Roads Committee</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | The committee dealt with crossings on Shields Road in conjunction with Pollokshields East; street numbering; appointment of Sanitary Inspector and Burgh Surveyor; wages of staff; and street repairs. | |

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| H-SHI/2/5 | Item | 9 Jan 1888 -
5 Oct 1891 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Minute Book of the Park and Burgh Buildings Sub Committee</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | <p>The committee was originally named the Public Halls Committee. It discussed plans for a proposed hall with entries from three selected architects (David Thomson, Henry E Clifford and William McGibbon); the issuing of contracts for works and furnishings; and the laying out of the park. The committee received a petition against building the halls 'on the ground that the erection is not required for such a small burgh'.</p> | |
| H-SHI/2/6 | Item | 6 Apr 1885 -
5 Oct 1891 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Minute Book of the Lighting Committee</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | <p>The committee dealt with the location and design of street lighting; rules and regulations for lamplighters; arrangements with Glasgow to provide a fire service; and provision of fire plugs and alarms.</p> | |
| H-SHI/3 | Series | 1877 - 1890 |
| | <i>Legal Records of the Burgh of Pollokshields</i> | |
| | 2 volumes; 6 items | |
| H-SHI/3/1 | Item | 19 May 1890
- 2 Jun 1890 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Register of Mortgages</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | <p>The volume has copies of three bonds and assignments to raise money for the Burgh repayments to be made from the assessment. The second bond was for the laying out of Maxwell Park and the third for improving the streets.</p> | |
| H-SHI/3/2 | Item | 9 Apr 1877 -
31 Jul 1890 |
| | <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Record Book</i> | |
| | 1 volume | |
| | <p>The volume contains copies of a bond of caution for James Pinkerton Laidlaw for his intromission as collector and treasurer for the Burgh of Pollokshields (see H-SHI/3/3); agreements between the magistrates of Pollokshields and John Carment for Sir John Maxwell to extend the burgh boundaries; and feu contract between the Burgh and John Carment for land for the Burgh Buildings. Most of the volume is unused.</p> | |

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- H-SHI/3/3 **Item** 7 Jun 1877
- Bond of Caution by James Pinkerton Laidlaw and Cautioner*
- 1 item
- Bond resulting from the appointment of Laidlaw as the Collector and Treasurer of the Burgh of Pollokshields and the requirement under the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act 1862 that a bond of sufficient security be granted to cover his intromissions.
- H-SHI/3/4 **Item** 23 Jul 1887
- Commission by the Magistrates of the Burgh of Pollokshields in favour of Alexander McLaren*
- 1 item
- Commission to be Procurator Fiscal of the Police and Dean of Guild Courts.
- H-SHI/3/5 **Item** Jun 1881
- Draft Agreement between the Magistrates of the Burgh of Pollokshields and John Carment, Commissioner for Sir John Maxwell Stirling Maxwell*
- 1 item
- The agreement relates to the extension of the burgh boundaries to include the lands of Titwood.
- H-SHI/3/6 **Item** Mar 1884 -
Apr 1884
- Agreement between the Magistrates of the Burgh of Pollokshields and John Carment, Commissioner for Sir John Maxwell Stirling Maxwell*
- 1 item
- The agreement relates to the extension of the burgh boundaries to include the lands of Titwood.
- H-SHI/3/7 **Item** Apr 1888
- Agreement between the Magistrates of the Burgh of Pollokshields and the Commissioner for Sir John Maxwell Stirling Maxwell*
- 1 item
- The agreement relates to the extension of the burgh boundaries to include the lands of Titwood, Hagbows and Shawmoss and Bellahouston.

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H-SHI/3/8	Item <i>Minute of Agreement between John Carment, Commissioner for Sir John Maxwell Stirling Maxwell and the Magistrates of Pollokshields</i> 1 item The agreement relates to the erection of the Burgh Buildings from the lands of Shawmoss and land for a public park at Dalzell [Dalziel] Drive.	Sep 1889
H-SHI/4	Series <i>Pollokshields Letter Books</i> 6 volumes The books contain copies of the out-going letters of the clerk to the Commissioners of Pollokshields, John Guy then Robert Guy. Indexed by name of correspondent.	1877 - 1892
H-SHI/4/1	Item <i>Pollokshields Letter Book</i> 1 volume	22 Jan 1877 - 23 Jan 1883
H-SHI/4/2	Item <i>Pollokshields Letter Book No 2</i> 1 volume	29 Jan 1883 - 23 Dec 1885
H-SHI/4/3	Item <i>Pollokshields Letter Book No 3</i> 1 volume	23 Dec 1885 - 11 Nov 1887
H-SHI/4/4	Item <i>Pollokshields Letter Book No 4</i> 1 volume	14 Nov 1887 - 11 Sep 1889
H-SHI/4/5	Item <i>Pollokshields Letter Book No 5</i> 1 volume	11 Sep 1889 - 3 Dec 1890

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H-SHI/4/6	Item <i>Pollokshields Letter Book No 6</i> 1 volume	6 Dec 1890 - 12 Apr 1892
H-SHI/6	Series <i>Police Court Records of the Burgh of Pollokshields</i> 1 item; 1 bundle	1888 - 1891
H-SHI/6/1	Item <i>Record of proceedings before the Police Court of the Burgh of Pollokshields</i> 1 item The proceedings list the names of the offenders; the charge; the date of appearance in court; whether the offender pleaded guilty or it went to trial; verdict; sentence [fine, number of days in prison or admonition]; and the cost of the case.	12 Apr 1888 - 31 Oct 1891
H-SHI/6/2	Item <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Complaints at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal</i> 1 bundle Each complaint form details the charge; the citation to appear in court with additional sections if the respondent needs to be apprehended or fails to appear in court; list of witnesses' names, occupation and address; and summary of verdict. These forms correspond to the list of proceedings at H-SHI/7/1.	1888 - 1891
H-SHI/7	Item <i>Burgh of Pollokshields Account Book No 1</i> 1 volume The book contains copies of individual accounts paid for example to builders and for drains testing and disinfecting houses etc. It also includes statement of fines imposed by the Police Court with the name of offender; and, in the majority of entries, notes of expenses due by those appearing before the Dean of Guild court. Indexed by name of creditor.	20 May 1889 - 28 Jul 1891
H-SHI/8	Item <i>Registrars' Returns - Pollokshields Burgh</i> 1 volume Monthly returns for births, marriages and deaths. Particulars of death are given which are the name of deceased; address; age; disease and its duration; and whether	Jan 1887 - Oct 1891

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Nov 1889 -
Oct 1891

Medical Officers' Reports - Pollokshields Burgh

1 volume

The reports, by Robert Pollock Medical Officer, include an overview of the health of the burgh, for example whether there have been many cases of influenza; details of any cases of infectious disease; brief mentions of the weather; and the impact of the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act.

H-SHI/10

Item

24 Oct 1882

Burgh of Pollokshields Meeting of Ratepayers

1 bundle

The meeting was called in order to discuss the work of the burgh in the preceding year and the advisability of street numbering. The bundle includes minutes; rough notes of street numbering and naming; newspaper notice of the meeting; and public notice.

H-SHI/11

Item

1877

Standing Orders of the Burgh of Pollokshields

1 volume

Small printed notebook with standing orders, brief history of the burgh and members of the standing committees at the front.