

## WILLIAM JOHN GIBSON COLLECTION

Inventory of the collection of papers, publications, photographs and medals belonging to Mr W J Gibson, Rector of the Nicolson Institute, 1894-1925. This collection was deposited with the Western Isles Islands Council in 1992 by the Revd David J Kellas, Executor of the late Lady Jane Urquhart (nee Jean Gibson).

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## **MEDALS**

1. Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Awarded to W J Gibson 1926. Blue and red enamel cross on (gilt bronze) ground, suspended from purple ribbon. In box.
2. Scottish National Sabbath School Union medal. Obverse: The Scottish National Sabbath School Union. Scripture examination. Engraved on rim: Won by Jane Gibson, U.F. English Church, Stornoway, Advanced Division, 1918. Obverse has central roundel with floral motif, reverse has figure of Christ with sheep with "Feed my lambs" written below. Bronze, oval-shaped coming to points at top and bottom. In box.
3. Nicolson medal. Obverse: Nicolson Public School, Stornoway. Reverse: Nicolson medal for elementary subjects, won by Jane Gibson, session 1909-10. Silver, circular. In box.
4. John Mackay Memorial medal. Obverse: Nicolson Public School, Stornoway. Reverse: John Mackay Memorial medal for mathematics & science, won by Jane Gibson, session 1915-16. Silver, circular. In box.
5. Nicolson dux medal. Obverse: Nicolson Public School, Stornoway. Reverse: Dux of the school, Jane Gibson, session 1915-16. Silver, circular. In box.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND SEMI-PUBLISHED MATERIAL**

by W J Gibson and others

6. GIBSON, W J. *The Nicolson Institute, Stornoway: a record of the school, 1873-1924*. Stornoway: Stornoway Gazette Office, 1925.  
42pp  
12 copies: 6 bound in navy blue boards (a-f). 218x142mm  
6 bound in grey paper covers (g-l). 215-138mm
7. *The NICOLSON Institute, 1894-1909*.  
Volume of 15 school prospectuses, bound together in maroon boards. 210x135mm.
8. GIBSON, W J. *Science in the school; being notes on experimental science and nature study drawn up in connection with the teachers' class in science, Stornoway Centre, 1903-04*. Edinburgh: Pillans & Wilson, [1904].  
87pp  
Bound in grey paper cover. 215x140mm.
9. GIBSON, W J. *Science in the school; a course of experimental science and nature study, with teaching hints*. Edinburgh: Pillans & Wilson, 1905.  
87pp  
5 copies: 1 bound in cream board with navy blue half-binding 215x137mm (a).  
1 bound in maroon boards. 212x138mm (b)  
3 bound in grey paper covers. 215x138mm (c-e)

10. GIBSON, W J. *Education in Scotland: a sketch of the past and present*. London: Longmans Green, 1912.  
151pp  
Bound in green boards. 195x130mm.  
[In very poor condition: a number of pages missing, others torn].
  
11. GIBSON, W J. *Letters from Sicily*. 1931.  
2 copies: both are bound volumes (navy blue boards) with blank pages onto which newspaper cuttings, postcards, photographs and maps are pasted.  
Copy (a) 14 articles published in the *Stornoway Gazette*, 1931.  
Postcard frontispiece and map at the end are the only additions to the newspaper cuttings.  
81pp. 209x132mm.  
Copy (b) 14 articles published in the *Stornoway Gazette*, 1931. Many photographs and postcards scattered through the text.  
121pp. 211x154mm.
  
12. GIBSON, W J. *Impressions of Soviet Russia*. 1931.  
2 copies: both are bound volumes (navy blue boards) with blank pages onto which newspaper cuttings, postcards, photographs and maps are pasted.  
Copy (a) 12 articles published in the *Stornoway Gazette* 1932.  
Postcard frontispiece is the only addition to the text.  
43pp. 234x150mm.  
Copy (b) 12 articles published in the *Stornoway Gazette* 1932, and 3 further articles published in the *Aberdeen Press & Journal* 1932. Many photographs and postcards scattered through the text.  
129pp. 213x132mm.
  
13. GIBSON, W J. *Notes on nature study in schools, and outline of work done by teachers' nature study class, Stornoway Centre, 1901-02*.  
Pamphlet. 12pp. No cover.
  
14. *The Scottish Farmer*, 30 Sept 1893, vol 1, no 39.  
Contains: GIBSON, WJ. Agriculture at South Kensington.  
p.773.
  
15. *The School World*, 15 May 1899, vol 1, no 5. Contains: GIBSON, WJ. A method of marking. pp.169-170.
  
16. *The Journal of Education*, 1 Dec 1899, no 365, supplement. Contains: GIBSON, W J. Ten years of leaving certificate examinations in Scotland. pp.791-794.  
2 copies, (a & b)
  
17. *Chamber's Journal*, 1 Dec 1899, part 24. Contains: GIBSON, W J. A visit to the Seven Hunters. pp.795-798.
  
18. *Chamber's Journal*, 1 Sept 1902, part 57. Contains: Some Hebridean superstitions. pp.584-587.  
Plus 7 off-prints of the article. (a-g).  
[This article is published anonymously but is almost certainly written by WJG since he was supplied with off-prints].

19. *Daily Record & Mail*, 22 Sept 1905. Contains: A glimpse of Lewis: where the new mingles with the old; (by A Lover of Lewis). p.7.  
[? Possibly written by WJB?]
20. Cuttings from *The Scottish Review*.  
(a) 14 Nov 1907, pp.457-458. HARPER, J Wilson. The demand for higher education in Scotland.  
(b) 28 Nov 1907, p.520. In "Letters to the Editor": GIBSON, W J. Secondary education and the Scotch Department. [Reply to (a)]
21. *The Journal of Education*, 1 April 1908, no 465, supplement. Contains: GIBSON, W J. Secondary examinations in Scotland. pp.280-283.  
3 copies, (a-c).
22. *The Educational News*, 22 May 1908, vol 2, no 73. Contains: GIBSON, W J. Science and nature study. pp.294-297.
23. *The School World*, Aug 1911, vol 13, no 152. Contains: GIBSON, W J. A scheme of work in practical science. pp.294-297.
24. Cutting from the *Scottish Field*, Aug 1911. p.104. GIBSON, W J. Beyond the Minch.  
2 copies (a & b).
25. *The Journals of Education*, 1 May 1914, vol 46, no 538, supplement. Contains: GIBSON, W J. Scottish secondary examinations. pp.359-362.
26. MACLEOD, D J. An account of a find of ornaments of the Viking time from Valtos, Uig, in the Island of Lewis, with a detailed description of the objects by W J Gibson. Reprinted from the *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, 1915-16, 5<sup>th</sup> series, vol 2, pp.181-189.
27. GIBSON, W J. Social amenities in the western islands of Scotland. Reprinted from the *Sociological Review*, Jan 1932. 5pp.
28. GIBSON, W J. Some prehistoric relics from Lewis. Reprinted from the *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland*, 1933-34, 6<sup>th</sup> series, vol 8, pp.428-432.
29. GIBSON, W J. The village in the outer isles of Scotland. Reprinted from the *Sociological Review*, 1946, vol 38, pp.247-169.  
2 copies (a & b)
30. DESCRIPTION of the Island of Lewis. (From the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*), 1857.  
11pp. Bound in boards.

31. *STORNOWAY, ISLE OF LEWIS; notes for tourists.* Stornoway: Nicolson (printer), [n.d.]  
 2 copies: (a) Pink paper cover, drawing of thistle on front. 16pp. 88x139mm.  
 (b) Green paper cover, drawing of paddle steamer on front. 16pp. 86x134mm.  
 [The only difference in text between copies (a) and (b) is in the travel details, on pp.10-13 in each copy. Enclosed in copy (a) is a cutting from the *Scottish Review*, 28.6.06 giving brief descriptive details of Stornoway].
32. *GUIDE to Stornoway and the Lews; pictorial and descriptive.*  
 Stornoway: Stornoway Tourist Association, (n.d.).  
 88pp., 19 illus. 105x137mm.  
 Bound in 3-colour cardboard with landscape drawing within a cartouche.  
 [WJG is one of the signatories to the editorial note.]
33. SCENES in Lewis; air an airigh. Reprinted from the *Celtic Review*, Jan 1990, pp.235-253.  
 [Essays by Lewis schoolchildren.]
34. Cutting from *Highland News*, 25 Mar 1911, entitled: Education as a Lewis asset.  
 [This was an address given by Mr John Anderson to the Lewis branch of EIS]
35. *The Times Educational Supplement*, 7 May 1912, no 21. Contains a review of WJG's "Education in Scotland", p.58.
36. University of Aberdeen, Dept of Education. *Report on census of language teaching in the secondary and higher grade schools of Scotland.* November 1919.  
 6pp.
37. Cutting from the *Stornoway Gazette*, 22 April 1932, entitled: Nicolson school war memorial, unveiling ceremony; moving address by Mr Gibson.  
 4 copies.
38. SEWARD, Albert C. *The Western Isles through the mists of ages.* Presidential address to the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Dundee meeting, 1939. 19pp.
39. CHILDE, V Gordon. *Prehistoric Scotland.* London: G Bell, 1940.  
 (Historical Association Pamphlet, no 115).  
 24pp.

#### MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

40. Bundle of material comprising notes and rough drafts for publications, lectures and speeches by WJG. Much of the material is in the form of loose sheets of paper; there are two exercise books and several typescripts. The time span is from WJG's Stornoway years to his retirement years in Edinburgh.

41. Cardboard folder of material relating to Nicolson Institute work. This includes notes of excuse for pupils' absences, exam timetables, concert programmes, meeting notices, membership cards for societies, correspondence with the education authority and with school suppliers and assorted notes on scraps of paper.
42. Bundle of notes on Lewis. Includes: notes on archaeological objects; poem entitled "A Lewis Mother" about the lolaire disaster [presumably composed by WJG]; map of Rona from J A. Harvie-Brown's "A vertebrate fauna of the Outer Hebrides", 1888; exercise book of notes on visits to Ness and Tolsta in 1909, on the cover of which are the titles "The Pigmies' Isle", "At a Lewis fank" and "Beyond the Minch"; notes on crofting life and the layout of blackhouses (dated 1898) together with ground plans of interiors and a drawing of an exterior.
43. Academic material, comprising: exercise book of WJG's university essays, dated 1883-1887; exercise book of Jean Gibson's university notes; bundle of handwritten mimeographed university examination question papers dated 1887-1888; university notebook of WJG's dated 1887.

#### NICOLSON PUPILS' SCHOOLWORK

44. Essays on aspects of life in Lewis. 1905-1910. Classes V and VI. 50 items. Subjects include crofting, country weddings, ceilidhs, fishing, the life of crofters' wives.
45. Various pieces of school work: essays, poems and translations. 1906-1909. Class V. 45 items.
46. Records of poetry read. Individual lists for 8 pupils. 1908. Class V. 8 items.
47. Records of home reading. Individual lists for 21 pupils. Session 1909-1910. Class VI. 22 items.
48. Records of Latin authors read. Individual lists for 15 pupils. March 1910. Class VI. 15 items.

#### TRAVEL

49. Travel notebooks. Series of 18 small notebooks containing notes, descriptions and sketches from WJG's travels. C.1930-c.1940. Countries covered include France, Austria, Scandinavia, Iceland, Morocco and Scotland. Some of the notebooks contain notes on other subjects, e.g. geology, bee-keeping, archaeology. 18 items.
50. Letters describing a Mediterranean cruise taking in 1926 by WJG to Mrs Gibson and Jean at home. The ship's passenger list and two picture postcards are included.
51. Travel brochures, guidebooks, maps and other information about some of the countries visited by WJG. 23 items.

## MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

52. Memorial pamphlet. [Front cover]: In memory of Mrs Mary Gibson. The foreword by WJG explains that he is publishing these two addresses by Mrs Gibson as a memorial of her for her friends. 1929. 30pp.
53. Roll of honour, Nicolson Institute, Stornoway. Typed list of the names that appear on the School war memorial. This list includes rank, regiment and Stornoway address.
54. Programme for the unveiling ceremony of the Nicolson Institute war memorial by W J Gibson, 13<sup>th</sup> April 1932.
55. Rona deposition. [Title]: Precognition as to the death of Malcolm Macdonald and Murdo Mackay. 1885. Legal document containing the statements of the men who found the two shepherds dead on North Rona in 1885, and statements from the father of one and the wife of the other shepherd. Handwritten document; 28pp.

## EDUCATION AND CAREER

56. Letters between WJG and Glasgow University regarding courses. 1890. 4 items.
57. Testimonials for WJG as a teacher. 1884-1894. 7 items.
58. Fellowship of the Educational Institute of Scotland Diploma, awarded to WJG. 18 September 1897.
59. "Parchments". Teaching certificate for Mary Simpson Laird, (later Mrs Gibson), December 1884. Teaching certificate for William John Gibson, December 1888.
60. City of Boston [USA], Board of Supervisors of the Public Schools, Certificate of Qualification. Awarded to WJG, August 1889.
61. Application for the Rectorship of Perth Academy by WJG, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1915. Includes letter of application and extracts from reports on the Nicolson Institute. 10 printed quarto pages, pinned together.
62. Testimonials for Jane Gibson. Includes outline of education and training and various testimonials. 1922. 7 printed quarto pages, pinned together. 3 copies.

## LETTERS

63. Family correspondence within the Gibson family and between the Gibson and Laird families (excluding letters between Mr and Mrs Gibson and Jean). 1874-1921. 24 items.

64. Letters from Mr and Mrs Gibson to Jean. Oct. 1916-January 1926. 548 items.

***[Detailed listing and transcriptions of this section are in progress]***

- i. October 1916-July 1917. 60 items.
- ii. October 1917-September 1918. 67 items.
- iii. October 1918-July 1919. (Includes 1 letter from Mrs G to WJG) 56 items.
- iv. October 1919-July 1920. 57 items.
- v. October 1920-July 1921. 53 items.
- vi. October 1921-August 1922. 48 items.
- vii. September 1922-August 1923. (Includes 7 letters from WJG to Mrs G from Denmark in July 1923). 68 items.
- viii. September 1923-July 1924. 63 items.
- ix. September 1924-January 1926. 76 items.

65. Letters from Mr Gibson to Jean from his travels. 1928-1930. 6 items.

66. Letters from Jean Gibson to her parents. 1915-1923. 40 items.

67. Letters from Harry K L Simpson to WJG. 1884-1890. 75 items.  
(Some envelopes contain more than one letter or note, others are empty. 75 refers to the number of envelopes, loose letters and postcards. The bundle also contains a printed testimonial for HKL Simpson).

68. Letters and postcards from friends and acquaintances to WJG. 1890-1905: 37 items; 1914-1933: 13 items.

69. Correspondence on school matters: parents, pupils, teachers, suppliers, inspectorate and education officers to WJG. 1902: 1 item; 1915-1916: 86 items.

70. Correspondence from former pupils on active service. 1914-1917. 58 items.

1992.50.70/1	Letter from Don J Macdonald, Left Section, Ross Mountain Battery, RGA, Bedford to WJ Gibson about training and the possibility of a German raid on the east coast.	17 Nov 1914	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/2	Letter from Kenneth B Macleod, Kelso Cottage, Loch Carron to WJ Gibson regarding life at the training camp.	17 Nov 1914	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/3	Letter from M Mackenzie, 4379 Left Half, Ross Mountain Batt, Home Defence, Edinburgh to WJ Gibson regarding life and duties at the training camp.	9 Dec 2014	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/4	Letter from A J Macleod, 4294 Left Section, Ross Mountain Battery, Bedford to WJ Gibson thanking him for a parcel and giving details of life at the training camp.	26 Dec 1914	2 pages and envelope



1992.50.70/5	Letter from J Matheson, 4842, Ross Mountain Battery, Bedford to WJ Gibson thanking him for the phrase book and letting him know the food parcels had arrived. Letter undated but postmark is 28 December 1914.	28 Dec 1914	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/6	Letter from M Murray, 13 <sup>th</sup> Platoon, 4 <sup>th</sup> Gordon Hs, BEF to WJ Gibson updating him on battles and injured and dead comrades.	26 June 1915	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/7	Letter from A Thomson, 2399, D Coy to WJ Gibson with details of life in the war. Parts of the letter have been blocked out by the censor.	24 July 1915	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/8	Letter from A Thomson, 2399, D Coy, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sea. Hrs to WJ Gibson giving details of life at the front line and observations on the war.	25 July 1915	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/9	Letter from Isaac Maciver, c/o Mrs Davison, Esslemont Avenue, Aberdeen to WJ Gibson telling him he will try to visit before returning to duty.	13 Aug 1915	1 page
1992.50.70/10	Letter from Murdo Murray, 15 <sup>th</sup> Platoon, 4 <sup>th</sup> Gordon Hrs, BEF to WJ Gibson thanking him for the parcel from the school and giving him details of life in the trenches and life in the camps outside the trenches.	24 Aug 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/11	Letter from R Graham, France to WJ Gibson about possible engineering courses for 'Angie' and life in the trenches.	26 Sep 1915	7 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/12	Letter from M Murray (?), No 7 Ward, Northumberland War Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne to WJ Gibson. Description of shelling and injuries received.	2 Oct 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/13	Letter from Sgt A Matheson, Ross Mtn Battery, 4 <sup>th</sup> Highland, Mediterranean Expedition Forces, 29 <sup>th</sup> Division to WJ Gibson. Thanking for parcel and giving update on ex Nicolsonians and description of shelling and wounded comrades.	4 Oct 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/14	Letter from R Graham, France to WJ Gibson regarding a German bombardment and observations on the impact of war.	11 Oct 1915	5 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/15	Letter from John Maciver, The Stephen Cottage Hospital, Dufftown to WJ Gibson. Suffering from shellshock and observations of war.	20 Oct 1915	3 pages
1992.50.70/16	Letter from A Thomson, D Coy, 4 <sup>th</sup> Seaforths, BEF, France to WJ Gibson. Movements of battalion, life in the trenches, sniper attacks and the futility of war.	10 Nov 1915	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/17	Letter from Lachlan Macleod, A Coy, 2/4 Sea.Hrs, Pitlochry to WJ Gibson. Awaiting a posting and requesting that Mr Gibson sign a form recommending him for a commission.	18 Nov 1915	4 pages
1992.50.70/18	Letter from Malcolm Matheson, Codford, Wilts, to WJ Gibson to let him know he's leaving for France and to enclose a photo of himself and a new postal address.	18 Nov 1915	2 pages and envelope and photo

1992.50.70/19	Letter from J Munro, BEF to WJ Gibson. Update on ex-pupils and request for Mr Gibson's help with applications.	7 Dec 1915	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/20	Letter from John Martin, Ross Mtn Battery, ?, Bed 54, Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, Sussex to WJ Gibson. Updates on ex-pupils and description of his severe injury and recovery.	7 Dec 1915	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/21	Letter from A Thomson, D Coy, 4 <sup>th</sup> Seaforth Highs, BEF, France to Mrs Gibson thanking her for a parcel and telling of his experiences in the trenches.	8 Dec 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/22	Christmas card from DW Macdonald, Piper with the Royal Highlanders of Canada, 13 <sup>th</sup> Battalion to Mrs Gibson.	9 Dec 1915	1 page and envelope
1992.50.70/23	Letter from Fraser M Rose, King's AI Ward, Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, Sussex to WJ Gibson. Update on other ex-pupils and illness.	17 Dec 1915	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/24	Letter from Laurence W Bain, 2 <sup>nd</sup> H.L.I to WJ Gibson. Description of life in the trenches.	19 Dec 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/25	Letter from John Martin, Bed 54, Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, Sussex to WJ Gibson. Moving description of the role of horses in the war.	20 Dec 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/26	Postcard from M Matheson, Christchurch, Hants to WJ Gibson. On a training course and unsure when being sent abroad.	Undated	1 postcard
1992.50.70/27	Letter from J Munro, BEF to WJ Gibson. Asking him to contact the Colonel to get the chance to join M Murray in 3/4th.	3 Jan 1916	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/28	Letter from J A Macleod, Red Cross Hospital, North Walsham, Norfolk to WJ Gibson. Update on some ex-pupils and description of shrapnel injury to arm and recovery.	10 Jan 1916	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/29	Letter from Angus MacRae, A Coy, 28 <sup>th</sup> Battn, 6 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bgde, 2CEF, "Somewhere in Belgium" to WJ Gibson. Conditions in Belgium, enlisting of ex-teachers and observations on war.	11 Jan 1916	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/30	Letter from J (?) Macsween, 7 <sup>th</sup> Cameron Highrs, BEF to WJ Gibson. Description of trenches and mortar and machine gun attacks from German lines.	23 Jan 1916	5 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/31	Letter from A Thomas, Ward 14, No. 5 General Hospital, Rouen to WJ Gibson. Injury to eye but hoping to rejoin battalion back in the trenches.	31 Jan 1916	3 pages
1992.50.70/32	Letter from Laurence W Bain, 2 <sup>nd</sup> HLI to WJ Gibson. Life in the trenches and New Year celebrations at base camp.	31 Jan 1916	5 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/33	Letter from Flora Macleod (mother of Malcolm Macleod), 17 Summerfield Terrace, Aberdeen to WJ Gibson. Recounting Malcolm's experiences in war that led to him being awarded the French Military Cross.	10 Feb 1916	4 pages

1992.50.70/34	Letter from R Graham, France, to WJ Gibson, asking him to help 'Angi' get a job at Jarrows Yard. Observations on life in the trenches.	7 March 1916	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/35	Letter from A Thomson, Ewen Hall, V.A.D, Wood Street, High Barnet, London to WJ Gibson. Back in Britain with a permanent eye injury. Recounting war experiences.	13 March 196	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/36	Letter from J Munro, BEF to WJ Gibson. General update on former NI pupils.	13 April 1916	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/37	Letter from Murdo Murray , South Camp, Ripon to WJ Gibson. Informing him about a bombing incident at the training school involving 'Isaac'. Murdo Murray in charge of physical training and bayonet fighting of the battalion.	10 May 1916	5 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/38	Letter from Isaac Maciver, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Northern Gen. Hospital, Beckett's Park, Leeds to WJ Gibson. Describing bombing accident and wounding at training camp.	14 May 1916	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/39	Letter from Angus Macrae, A Coy, 28 <sup>th</sup> NW Bn, 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde Inf, Belgium to WJ Gibson. Life in the trenches and opinion on conscription.	15 May 1916	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/40	Letter from Donald Macleod, RM Barracks, Chatham, England to WJ Gibson. Requesting certificate and character reference so he can advance in the Navy.	19 May 1916	1 page
1992.50.70/41	Letter from Gr(?) A Maclean, 53 <sup>rd</sup> Battery, Redford Barracks, Edinburgh to WJ Gibson. At training camp, having medical examinations and saw a plane for the first time.	25 May 1916	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/42	Letter from A Macphail, c/o Sinclair, 2 Miller Street, Partick, Glasgow to WJ Gibson. Found fit for garrison duty but unable to get a posting. Working in Coventry Ordnance Works. Description of work and colleagues.	9 June 1916	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/43	Letter from Malcolm Macleod, 4 <sup>th</sup> Gordons, BEF to WJ Gibson. Reporting on the deaths of Cpl Maciver and Private Macsween in the Ypres trenches.	22 June 1916 (?)	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/44	Letter from Aeneas Mackenzie, A Coy, Hare Hall Camp, Gidea Park, Essex to WJ Gibson. Requesting assistance with applying for a commission.	2 Aug 1916	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/45	Letter from A Thomson, D Coy, 4 <sup>th</sup> Seaforth Hrs, BEF to WJ Gibson. Experiences of daily life in the trenches, reflecting on the war and feelings of homesickness	10 Oct 1916	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/46	Letter from A Thomson, D Coy to WJ Gibson. Reporting on the death of Norrie Crichton in battle. Applying for a commission. Life on the front line very difficult and a hard winter ahead. Some passages blacked out by the censor.	22 Nov 1916	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.70/47	Letter from J Matheson to WJ Gibson. No address or date but states he is in Salonika and of opinion that the Greeks are lazy.	Undated	

1992.50.70/48	Postcard from Malcolm Macleod, Sennlegar, to Mr Gibson. Thanks very much for letter, and all the news. Mentions he is nearly his old self again and trying to kill time by dabbling in French.	21 Dec 1915	1 card
1992.50.70/49	Letter from James P. Anderson, 3rd Coy. Royal Scots, Glencorse to Mr Gibson. Describing the training at Glencorse barracks, notes the methods are barbarous but that they 'turn out soldiers'. Mentions differences in drill methods compared to NI and includes diagram to illustrate.	23 Mar 1917	
1992.50.70/50	Letter from Miller [MacLeod?], 20th General Hosp., C3 Ward, BEF France, to Mr Gibson. Describes how he was seriously injured in a shell attack while sheltering in an old house near a large town. His shoulder had been badly injured and he had almost lost a leg but was now recuperating.	21 Apr 1917	
1992.50.70/51	Letter from J. MacRae, 10 Sub Section, 36 <sup>th</sup> Res. Battery RFA, Redford Barracks, Edinburgh to Mr Gibson. Describes his Officer Training a lot of which involves horse riding, which he is not enjoying. He is greatly enjoying the training in map reading, sketching and gun drill. Prefers civilian life and hopes to get a visit home before being sent south.	26 Jun 1917	
1992.50.70/52	Letter from Alick M. McKenzie, HMS Muskerry, Granton Base, to Mr Gibson. Wishes he had paid more attention at school. He is now serving aboard a twin-screw mine sweeper. All the crew apart from him are English but he believes they look forward to the arrival of the 'Stornoway Gazette' as much as he does. He has a laugh at them trying to read the Gaelic. Describes an 'adventure' with a German submarine near the Tyne. Mentions having bumped into Mr MacRae [NI teacher] in Edinburgh once.	[1917]	
1992.50.70/53	Letter from Duncan MacLeod, Deck Hand, HMS Bombardier to Mr Gibson. He had been at Chatham Barracks where there were unfathomable rules; he was now serving on a trawler in the Arctic Circle in Russia; mentions he was helped by a Gaelic speaking crew member from Uist; notes there is to be redistribution of Highland (parliamentary) seats and wants to see a better land policy for Lewis and an end to the need for emigration; fears the War will not be over soon as he had hoped and observes it is taking a very heavy toll on men from Lewis; mentions he receives the Stornoway Gazette occasionally.	8 Oct 1917	

1992.50.70/54	Letter from J. Munro, BEF to Mr Gibson. He had been well behind the battle lines for the last four weeks. Gives news he had heard of former Nicolson Institute pupils. Was sorry to read about Willie P. in the Gazette. Good to hear about old Nicolsonians being awarded M.C. and other medals. Mentions his letter in the Gazette.	12 Dec 1917	
1992.50.70/55	Letter from J. Munro, BEF to Mr Gibson. Refers to forms Mr Gibson had sent to him and Alec [Thomson?] which they need to complete, presumably to get into Officer training. Thanks Mr Gibson for having sent these so quickly. Mentions they are having a nice quiet Christmas and enjoying Christmas rations of plum pudding.	25 Dec [1916?]	
1992.50.70/56	Letter from William B. MacDonald to Mr Gibson from 'Quelque part en France'; describes in vivid detail an air battle between a German and British plane.	[1917-1918?]	
1992.50.70/57	Newspaper clipping re Private A. Thomson No 2399 re his conspicuous gallantry and list of names on headed notepaper of North British Hotel, Glasgow.	[1917-1918?]	
1992.50.70/58	Letter from A. Stevens, Wentworth Hotel Ltd., Sydney. He is to be chief of the scientific staff. Mentions the 'Aurora' had been left in a very poor state by Mawson's people. Ship was now out of dry dock, and was being fitted out in readiness to sail for Hobart in two weeks' time, [This appears to be a letter relating to the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition's Ross Sea Party?]	16 Nov 1914	

71. Letters from former pupils (excluding those on active service). January 1915-January 1917. 22 items.

1992.50.71/1	Letter from John Macleod, 295 Byres Road, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding his academic studies, gaining a scholarship, ex-classmates in war.	15 Jan 1915	8 pages
1992.50.71/2	Letter from C B Morrison, the Infirmary, Stockport, Cheshire, England to WJ Gibson regarding nursing training and thanking Mr Gibson for securing her present position; mentions there are seven other Highland girls training as nurses so she doesn't feel lonely.	13 Aug 1915	1 page
1992.50.71/3	Letter from Catherine M McLeod, Williamwood, Cathcart, Glasgow to WJ Gibson re request for a recommendation (reference) as she wants to get a better wage by working in Post Office; mentions that the PO don't want girls who have been in domestic service; she thinks is unfair.	20 Oct 1915	1 page

1992.50.71/4	Letter from Beatrice Morrison and Susan Craig, 121 Rosemount Place, Aberdeen to WJ Gibson regarding college coursework and commenting on returning wounded soldiers. Mentions signs of the war, being homesick at first and meeting up with old Nicolsonians	21 Oct 1915	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.71/5	Letter from Lily Macsween, c/o Mackendrick, 38 Park Road, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding a list of dyes (not in envelope) in the hope it will be of some use to Mr Ewen, and her experiences of teacher training college.	29 Oct 1915	4 pages and envelope
1992.50.71/6	Letter from Annie Maciver, Randolph House, 142 Hill Street, Garnethill, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding experiences at teaching college (almost all the girls had a cold due to the foggy air in Glasgow), commenting on the war (hopes there will be no further names on casualty list) and all looking forward to the school magazine.	29 Oct 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.71/7	Letter from Roderick Macleod, c/o Miss Philip, 7 Richmond Terrace, Aberdeen to WJ Gibson regarding the terrible journey they had had from Stornoway to Aberdeen aboard the 'Sheila' (seasickness, train sickness etc.), first days at University and signing on with the OTC.	27 Nov 1915	3 pages and envelope
1992.50.71/8	Letter from Henrietta Macleod, Randolph House, 142 Hill Street, Garnethill to WJ Gibson regarding receipt of certificate and experiences of college. Mentions they had all had the cold but better, getting to like Glasgow and doing well with exams	29 Nov 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.71/9	Letter from Cristina Murray and Ina Macaulay, c/o Mrs Forbes, 19 Richmond Terrace, Aberdeen to WJ Gibson regarding experiences at teacher training college and of using trains and [tram] cars for the first time. Mentions the other Stornoway girls.	1 Dec 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.71/10	Letter from Annabella Mackay, 4 Saville Row, Newcastle Tyne to WJ Gibson requesting a School Certificate as she wants to apply for a post as a nurse in one of the big training hospitals in Glasgow having been a nurse in Newcastle for a year which she 'likes immensely'. Mentions her home address in Stornoway had been 20 Newton Street but was now 18 Newton Street.	23 Dec 1915	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.71/11	Letter from Christina MacKenzie, c/o Mrs Whyte, 104 Buccleuch Street, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding a request for a testimonial, experiences at college and commenting on the war. Mentions the two years had passed by 'wonderfully quick' and that the College was getting very short handed due to the War; comments on how sad it is that former school friends are no more.	29 Jan 1916	2 pages and envelope

1992.50.71/12	Letter from Mina Macleod, c/o Mrs Whyte, 104 Buccleuch Street, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding first experiences of Glasgow and teaching college. Compares teaching in Bernera to teaching in Glasgow; thinks the country children are at a disadvantage in early years of school as they don't speak English [being Gaelic speakers].	7 Jan 1916	3 pages
1992.50.71/13	Letter from Lily Macsween, c/o Mrs Mackendrick, 38 Park Road, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding teacher training college and the impact of the war on lecturer numbers.	24 Jan 1916	4 pages
1992.50.71/14	Letter from Joan Mackenzie, c/o Mackendrick, 38 Park Road, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding request for testimonial and experiences of teaching at Milton Street School. Says Glasgow people have a very hazy idea of Stornoway; lesson on Fishing she'd done had been of great interest to boys. Had realised extent to which teachers could help pupils – e.g. education about hygiene.	4 Feb 1916	2 pages
1992.50.71/15	Letter from Margaret Kennedy, c/o Carr, 13 Lawrence Street, Dowanhill, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding a testimonial and School certificate. Mentions she intended to go in for nursing; had worked as a nursemaid for a year for a 'nice Edinburgh lady' who had encouraged her to go in for it. Handwritten notes on letter (possibly by WJ Gibson) giving details of exams and leaving dates.	30 Mar 1916	2 pages
1992.50.71/16	Letter from C Murray, c/o Whyte, 104 Buccleuch Street, Glasgow to WJ Gibson regarding a testimonial. States she was enjoying Glasgow as their exams were over and had been appointed to Aird.	4 May 1916	2 pages and envelope
1992.50.71/17	Letter from Rosa H Bartlett, c/o Mrs McKew, 38 Blissett Street, Greenwich, London to WJ Gibson regarding a request for a testimonial. Mentions she had been called to London to nurse her grandmother and was now staying on with an aunt. Her people were willing to let her stay in London if she could get something to do and she had visited the Labour Exchange.	1 June 1916	2 pages
1992.50.71 /18	Letter from Jane Mackenzie, Randolph House, 142 Hill Street, Garnethill to WJ Gibson regarding first impressions of Glasgow (arriving at Queen St Station) and experiences at college. She and some of the others (5 of them) had decided to spend Christmas holidays in Glasgow as they couldn't face crossing the Minch.	Undated	2 pages
1992.50.71/19-22	Detailed descriptions not yet completed		

72. Letter Book. Hard-cover manuscript book into which WJG has transcribed excerpts from letters sent to him by Mary Laird (later Mrs Gibson) when she was teaching in the East End of London. The excerpts date from 1884 to 1888. Inserted into the book is a testimonial from the School Board for London for Mary Laird, dated 1 July 1895, when she left their employ to marry WJG.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

### Family and friends

73. Mr and Mrs Gibson, Jean Gibson and 2 elderly ladies in garden. 1920's.  
Framed studio photograph; no attribution.
74. Mr and Mrs Gibson seated in garden. Late 1890's/early 1900's.  
Studio photograph; D W Prophet, Dundee.
75. Mr and Mrs Gibson, head and shoulders against leafy background. Mid 1920's.  
Studio photograph; D W Prophet, Dundee.
76. W J Gibson, seated. 1920s/1930s?  
Studio photograph; attribution illegible.
77. Jean Gibson as a baby. 1898/1899.  
Studio photograph; Macleod, Stornoway. 2 copies.
78. Jean Gibson as a baby. 1898/1899.  
Studio photograph; Macleod, Stornoway. 5 copies.
79. Three-person group. WJG as a youth (aged approx. 12-16 years) with, presumably, his parents.  
Studio photograph; William Morris, Gourrock.
80. Group of 5 women and 3 men, one of whom is WJG, in outdoor setting, probably the Castle Grounds. Late 1890s/early 1900s. [This group is possibly of Nicolson teachers].  
Studio photograph; Jno G Macdonald, The Seminary, Stornoway.
81. Group of 5 women and 3 men. The same people and the same occasion as in no.80 but the positions are altered.  
Studio photograph; Jno G Macdonald, The Seminary, Stornoway.
82. Mrs Gibson holding a small child (aged approx. 12-24 months) in an outdoor setting. Written on the back: "Xmas 1901". [This child is possibly the Gibson's son Harry, who died in the winter 1903/04, as it looks too young to be Jean Gibson who would have been over 3 years old at the time].  
Snapshot.



83. Mr and Mrs Gibson, Jean and a middle-aged man and woman (possibly Mrs Gibson's brother, James Laird, and his wife Jean) in a garden setting. Approx. 1910. Studio photograph; no attribution.
84. Jean Gibson, aged approx. 4-6 years in a garden. 1902-1904? Snapshot.
85. Jean Gibson aged approx. 4-6 years, out of doors. 1902-04? Snapshot.
86. Jean Gibson aged approx. 3-5 years, out of doors. 1901-1903? Snapshot.
87. Small child on seat in garden, aged approx. 2 years. (Jean Gibson?). Early 1900s? Snapshot.
88. Three small girls outside school building. Jean Gibson on the right, aged approx. 8-10 years. 1905-08? Snapshot.
89. Group of 8 teenage girls and 2 small children in fancy dress (approximating to Indian attire). Jean Gibson 3<sup>rd</sup> from right, back row; Marion Clarke extreme right, back row; "Eeka", later Mrs Joe Flett, extreme left, front row.\* 1913-16? Studio photograph; Wm Macleod, Stornoway. \*Identification supplied by Miss A.C. Ross
90. Jean Gibson wearing a sari, as in no.89, aged approx. 15-17 years. 1913-16? Studio photograph; Wm Macleod, Stornoway.
91. Group of 19 children with teacher, outdoors. Written on back: "Duncan St School; WJG at left end of front row". WJG appears to be aged approx. 8-10 years, so the photograph dates from the mid 1870s. Studio photograph; no attribution. [Very faded]
92. School group of 50 boys with teacher and WJG as pupil teacher. Written on back: "Duncan St Drill Squad; WJG to right of cup; June 1882". Studio photograph; Paton, Greenock.
93. School group of 27 boys and 2 teachers. No identifications. Perhaps Duncan St School? 1880s? Studio photograph; Sternstein, Glasgow.
94. School group of 12 boys, 14 girls and one teacher. No identifications. Setting is the same as in no.93. Studio photograph; Sternstein, Glasgow.

95. School group of 22 boys and one teacher. No identifications. Setting looks similar to location of nos.93 & 94.  
Studio photograph; Wohlgemuth, Glasgow.
96. Group of 5 male and 7 female teachers and 2 schoolboys. Written on back: "Duncan St staff; WJG left of back row; March 1883".  
Studio photograph; Sternstein, Glasgow.
97. Group of 4 men and 5 women. WJG is 2<sup>nd</sup> from right in back row.  
1880s/1890s?  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
98. Group of training college staff and students. Written on protective sheet of tissue: "Harry's Training College class; H at right end of 2<sup>nd</sup> row". [Harry was HKL Simpson, a close friend of WJG's youth]. Later 1880s/early 1890s?  
1880s/early 1890s?  
Studio photograph; Turnbull, Glasgow.
99. WJG standing outside school. Early 1920s?  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee. 2 copies.
100. WJG head and shoulders, indoors. Early 1920s?  
Studio photograph? No attribution.
101. WJG posed beside monument in ?Italy. 1930s?  
Enlarged snapshot.
102. Group photograph. In envelope, on which is written "1934; Geologists' Association in Norway".  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
103. Man seated holding small child. Mid/late 1860s?  
Studio photograph; Straiton, Greenock.
104. Woman seated holding small child. Mid/late 1860s?  
Studio photograph; Straiton, Greenock.  
[Nos. 103 and 104 are probably Mr and Mrs Laird, Mrs Gibson's parents, and one of the small children is probably Mary Laird (later Mrs Gibson)].
105. Young woman, seated indoors. Almost certainly Mary Laird, aged approx. 17-21 years. Early 1880s.  
Studio photograph; McLennan, Greenock.
106. Young woman, seated indoors. Almost certainly Mary Laird. Slightly different pose but same occasion as no. 105.  
Studio photograph; McLennan, Greenock.
107. Young woman, seated indoors. Almost certainly Mary Laird. Mid/late 1880s?  
Studio photograph; Deneulain, London.  
[Mary Laird was in London from 1885-1895].

108. Woman standing, three-quarter length, holding fan. Possibly Mary Laird's mother as a youngish woman. [She resembles the woman in no.104]. 1860s/1870s?  
Studio photograph; Robertson, Gourrock.
109. Two women, the elder seated, the younger standing. [The younger woman resembles the woman in nos.104 and 108 so is possibly Mary Laird's mother; the older woman may be ML's grandmother].  
1860s/1870s?  
Studio photograph; Robertson, Gourrock.
110. Wallet containing 11 snapshot and 1 negative. Most are of WJG, some of Jean Gibson; a variety of other people are included. Late 1920s/1930s.
111. Wallet containing 22 snapshots and 23 negatives of people and places. Some have note of person or place and date; all dates given are 1941.
112. Wallet containing 24 negatives. Written on wallet: "Home and bees; Mr Burns".
113. Wallet containing 3 snapshots and the corresponding negatives. Two are of Jean Gibson and another woman, 1 of a map of Barra pinned to a door. Written on the wallet: "Phewlands 1935".
114. Wallet containing 12 snapshots of WJG and companions on his travels. Locations of some snaps are identified on the backs. 1920s/1930s.
115. Head and shoulders portrait of young woman; thought to be Madge Hunter\*. [A regular visitor to Lewis but not a resident].  
1900s/1910s?  
Studio photograph; Macleod, Stornoway.  
\* Identified by ACR.
116. Head and shoulders portrait of young man. Unidentified.  
1900s/1910s?  
Studio photograph; Macleod, Stornoway.
117. Two elderly women in outdoor setting, one seated one standing.  
Unidentified. 1880s/1900s?  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
118. Elderly woman seated in garden. Unidentified. 1880s/1890s?  
Studio photograph? No attribution.
119. Head and shoulders of elderly woman. Written on back: "Mamma's Aunt Janet" [i.e. aunt of Mrs Gibson]. Date cannot be guessed.  
Snapshot?
120. Small boy in Highland dress, seated. Unidentified. Dated cannot be guessed.  
Studio photograph; Heath, Plymouth.
121. Small boy in Highland dress, standing. [The same child as in no.120 on, presumably, the same occasion].  
Studio photograph; [Heath, Plymouth].

122. Small boy in Highland dress, standing on a chair. [Not the same child as in nos.120 and 121]. Unidentified. Date cannot be guessed.  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
123. Young girl, aged approx. 10-12 years, seated. [From the Belfast address of the photographer, this is probably a child of Mrs Gibson's brother Alick Laird].  
1890s/1900s?  
Studio photograph; Abernethy's Studios, Belfast.
124. Two young girls, one seated one standing. The seated girl is the same person as in no.123, but at a slightly younger age. [Probably daughters of Alick Laird].  
1890s/1900s?  
Studio photograph; Allison, Belfast.
125. Young boy, standing, aged approx. 10-14 years. Written on back: "Aleck Laird".  
Presumably a son of Mrs Gibson's brother.  
1890s/1900s?  
Studio photograph; Allison, Belfast.
126. Head and shoulders portrait of elderly woman. Written on back of one copy: "Mr John N Anderson's mother". Dated cannot be guessed.  
Studio photograph; McLeod, Stornoway. 2 copies.
127. Provost J N Anderson. Between 1897 and 1909. Photograph appears to have been cut out of a book or periodical.
128. Mrs J N Anderson and 2 small children. Early 1900's? Photograph appears to have been cut out of a book or periodical.
129. Alexander Polson, J P. Early 1900s? Photograph appears to have been cut out of a book or periodical.

### Old Stornoway and Lewis

130. Kenneth Street. Early 1900s?  
Postcard; Valentine. (Black and white).
131. Matheson Road, with Infant School. Early 1900s?  
Postcard; David S Turpie, Stornoway. (Coloured).
132. James Street. Early 1900s?  
Postcard; David S Turpie, Stornoway. (Coloured).
133. Keith Street. Early 1900s?  
Postcard; Valentine. (Black and white).
134. Bayhead Street. Early 1900s?  
Postcard; Valentine. (Black and white).
135. Coronation day, Stornoway. [For Edward VII in 1902 or George V in 1911? Probably the latter.] Platform party with Provost standing in front, speaking.  
Postcard; Macleod, Stornoway. (Black and white).

136. Woman with creel on her back, titled "Going for the peats, Island of Lewis". Early 1900s?  
Postcard; no attribution. (Coloured).
- 136.i Woman with laden creel of peats on her back. 1900s/1910s? No identification.  
Snapshot.
137. Group of 6 men and 3 women. Written on back: "Visit of Sir George Adam Smith, Principal of the University of Aberdeen and Moderator of the United Free Church, to Stornoway. August 1916". (Mrs Gibson is at the left-hand end of the front row, WJG is second from right in the back row).  
Studio photograph? No attribution.
138. Photograph of macehead, mounted on board on a wall. Written on back "Stone mace-head of the Bronze Age from Knock, Isle of Lewis. 1904".  
Snapshot.
139. Ships in outer harbour, photographed from Castle Grounds; foliage in foreground. Written on back: "Prizes in Stornoway harbour. April 1915."  
Snapshot.
140. Ships in outer harbour, photographed from Castle Grounds. Written on back: "Prizes in Stornoway harbour. April 1915."  
Snapshot.
141. Black house, with no chimney or windows, with cart in front of it; edges of two other black houses in the picture. Written on back: "1914". No location.  
Snapshot.
142. Group of men, children and sheep at a fank. Sheep are lying with their legs tied. No location. 1880s/1980s?  
Snapshot, also glass negative.
143. Group of men wearing mutches, men, children, and sheep at a fank. Sheep are lying with their legs tied. [Probably the same occasion as in no.142]. No location. 1880s/1890s?  
Snapshot.
144. Boy standing on quay holding a number of fish; barrels and fishing boats in the background. Presumably Stornoway harbour. Early 1900s?  
Glass negative only.

## School photographs

145. Sandwich Road school. No wall or railings; surrounding ground has wire fence and iron gates. No clock tower. 2 children in foreground. Pre 1900.  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
146. Sandwich Road school. Written on front: "Nicolson P. School. D.F. 1900".  
Surrounded by low wall and railings. No clock tower.
147. Sandwich Road school. Clock tower is in place and foliage has grown behind the railings. 1900s/1910s?  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
148. Sandwich Road school. Printed on front: "The Nicolson Institute: Sandwich Road Building. Opened 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1873". [Same photograph as in no.147, but printed in different format].  
1900s/1910s?  
Studio photograph; no attribution. 2 copies.
149. Francis Street school. Written on front: "Nicolson P. School Secy Dept. D.F. 1900".  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
150. Panoramic view of school buildings. 1910s? [For identification of individual buildings, see no.154].  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
151. Ceremony at opening of Springfield Road building. Large group of people outside a door. Written on front: "Lady Pentland receiving gold key of Technical School, Stornoway. August 1910".  
Studio photograph; Macleod, Stornoway.
152. Ceremony at opening of Springfield Road building. Same group as in no.151, slight variation of positions. Written on front: "Lady Pentland opening Technical School, Stornoway. August 1910".  
Studio photograph; Macleod, Stornoway.
153. War memorial board for old Nicolsonians who fell in the Great War, 1914-18. [Perhaps photographs of the design-stage; the lettering is black on a lightly-shaded ground. The actual board is uniformly black with the lettering in relief]. 3 prints of the board with all names entered; 1 print with only the first 6 names entered.  
Postcards; no attribution.
154. Small album entitled "Bee pictures". Contains 40 captioned pictures (some are snapshots, some studio photographs); those that are dated range from 1909-1913. Contents include: pupils, teachers and school inspectors involved in bee-keeping; panoramic view of school buildings with each one identified (copy of no.150); exterior of old laboratory; pupils inside laboratory; part of street (almost certainly Bayhead) captioned "First private houses in Stornoway to keep bees".
155. Girls' gymnastics class; physical exercises. Teacher and WJG standing at side. Written on back: "Our first gym. class (girls). 1911".  
Studio photograph; no attribution.

156. Girls' gymnastics class; physical exercises. Written on back: "Our first gymnastics class (girls). 1911".  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
157. Girls' gymnastics class; fencing. 1911.  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
158. Group of 24 senior girls, WJG and 2 teachers. Late 1890s/early 1900s?  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee. 2 copies.
159. Group of 14 teachers with 6 senior girls. [Same occasion as no.158]  
Late 1890s/early 1900s?  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
160. Group of senior pupils (6 boys, 8 girls) with WJG, outside old laboratory building.  
Mid-late 1900s?  
Studio photograph; no attribution. 2 copies.
161. Group of 21 senior pupils with Mr Anderson (science teacher) and Mr and Mrs Gibson on an outing in winter outdoor clothes (picnic? natural history expedition?). 1908-1910. [Date estimated from presence of Donald Macdonald, "Dolly Doctor", 2<sup>nd</sup> from right on 3<sup>rd</sup> row front, who left school in 1910].  
Studio photograph; no attribution. [In poor condition: marked and faded in parts].
162. Group of 4 senior boys on scientific outing, at ?Goat Island? [cf. no.44 pupils' essays, which include accounts of an expedition to Goat Island]. 1905-1910..  
Snapshot.
163. Group of 12 senior pupils (girls and boys) on outing. [Appears to be the same occasion as no.162]. 1905-1910.  
Snapshot.
164. Girl engaged in bee-keeping. Copy of a photograph included in no.154. 1910-1913.  
Snapshot? 2 copies; 1 mounted on card.
165. Group of senior pupils (9 boys, 10 girls), posed outside school building with WJG and Mr Anderson, science teacher. [Many of same people as in no.161]. 1908-1910.  
Studio photograph; no attribution. (Considerably faded).
166. Group of senior pupils (9 boys, 10 girls), with WJG and Mr Anderson. [With one exception, the same people as in no.165, on the same occasion with minor variations in position]. 1908-1910.  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
167. Group of senior pupils with WJG and 3 other teachers: Mr Anderson, Mr Colin Maciver and an unidentified female teacher. (16 males, 9 females). Session 1911-1912.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
168. Group of school children. (18 boys, 11 girls). 1900s?  
Studio photograph; no attribution.

169. Group of school children with ?6 teachers. (17 boys, 20 girls). 1890s/1900s?  
Written on back: "Senior class, Nicolson Institute, ? year".  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
170. Group of ?13 senior boys with ?7 teachers. (19 males, 1 female). Early 1900s?  
[Photographed outside the door of the Francis St building, completed 1898. Appears to be the same occasion as in nos.158 & 159].  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
171. Group of 13 boys and 11 girls with 1 teacher. 1900s?  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
172. Group of ?29 senior pupils (16 boys, 13 girls), with ?2 teachers.  
Written on back: "VI, 1911"  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
173. Group of senior pupils (13 boys, 12 girls). Written on back: "Class of 1911, Nicolson Institute".  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
174. Group of 24 small girls with 5 teachers/pupil teachers. Session 1905-06.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
175. Group of school children aged about 12-14 years (10 boys, 17 girls) with 1 teacher.  
Session 1911-12.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
176. Group of senior pupils and ?7 teachers (21 males and 8 females).  
Written on back: "VI, 1924".  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
177. Envelope containing class by class photographs of the whole school, including a group of teachers. June 1909. 20 photographs.  
Studio photograph; no attribution but almost certainly Prophet, Dundee.
178. Mounted copy of one of the class photographs in no.177 which includes Jean Gibson. 1909.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
179. Envelope containing class by class photographs of the whole school, including one of the football team. 1922. [Identification of some people in the photographs has been written on the backs. These identifications were made by Miss A C Ross, Miss Hope Maclean and others in 1991 or 1992]. 27 photographs.  
Studio photograph; no attribution but probably Prophet, Dundee.
180. Nicolson football team. 1912.  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
181. Nicolson football team. 1914.  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
182. Nicolson football team. 1923. [Names of individuals printed on front of mount].  
Studio photograph; Turpie, Stornoway.



183. Staff of the Nicolson Institute, 1903. 19 persons.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
184. Staff group. Late 1900s/early 1910s? 32 persons.  
Studio photograph; no attribution. [Considerably faded].
185. Staff group. Written on front: "D Fraser. 1900". 9 persons.  
Studio photograph; D Fraser?
186. Staff group. Early 1900s? 16 persons.  
Studio photograph; no attribution. 2 copies.
187. Staff group. Late 1900s/early 1910s? 21 persons.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
188. Staff group. June 1912. 35 persons.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
189. Staff group. Written on back: "Sept. 1902". 32 persons.  
Snapshot.
190. Staff group. Written on back: "5.4.12". 32 persons.  
Studio photograph; no attribution. [Somewhat faded].
191. Staff group. Written on back: "5.4.12". 32 persons. [Same occasion as no.190,  
different positions].  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
192. Staff group. Written on back: "1920". 36 persons.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee.
193. Staff group. Written on back: "June 1922". 33 persons.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee. 2 copies (1 mounted, 1 unmounted).
194. Staff group. Written on back: "1924". 39 persons.  
Studio photograph; Prophet, Dundee. 2 copies.
195. Four-page excerpt from the Nicolson Institute Centenary magazine, 1973, containing  
photographs of: Staff of the Nicolson Institute 1972; Nicolson F C 1914; Nicolson F C  
1973; school hockey team 1932. (Names are noted underneath each photograph).

### Military photographs

196. Group of 9 soldiers. Written on back: "Nicolsonians in D Coy, 4<sup>th</sup> Gordons". 1914-1916? [Identifications of people are written on the edges of the photograph].  
Studio photograph; no attribution.
197. Kilted soldier wearing medal. No identification. 1914-1918?  
Snapshot?
198. 7 soldiers posing with heads only emerging from a tent. Written on front: "The Nuts". 1914-1918. [Some or all are Nicolsonians].  
Studio photograph; Clark, Dundee.
199. Army officer, standing. Written on photograph: "Yours sincerely, Duncan M Macleod. 12.11.14".  
Studio photograph; C R Hall, Hull.

### Travel and geology

200. 6 wallets containing snapshots (prints and/or negatives) of travels in Barra and the Uists. 1935.
201. 54 wallets containing snapshots (prints and/or negatives) from WJG's travels. Countries include Russia, France, Italy, Morocco and Scotland. 1930s.
202. 5 wallets of commercially-produced photographs from Norway, Italy, France (2), Melrose Abbey.
203. Small box (marked "Fullers") containing assorted pieces of paper with notes, addresses etc.; a letter enclosing several snapshots including some of Barra; several separate snapshots mostly of travelling companions.
  
217. A set of telegrams (4) sent to the Procurator Fiscal at Stornoway by The Crown Agent Edinburgh requesting information to be sent to the Lord Advocate so that he could give a reply in Parliament.
218. A telegram from the Crown Agent Edinburgh to confirm that the papers sent by the Procurator Fiscal regarding the death of Malcolm Macdonald had been received.