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Papers of Shetland Amenity Trust's Shipwrecks Project

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Summary information

Repository:	Shetland Archives
Title:	Papers of Shetland Amenity Trust's Shipwrecks Project
Reference code:	D56
Date:	1986-1988 (creation)

Scope and content

Includes card-indexed databases of Shetland wrecks, listed both alphabetically and in date sequence, with associated correspondence, sources and articles.

The project was sponsored by the Shetland Amenity Trust with Manpower Services Commission, comprising researchers: Sean Gibson, Sam Stewart, David Sandison, Chris Henderson and David Wilson. An outcome of the project was the publication 'Shetland Shipwrecks' (1989).

Notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Shipwrecks (subject)
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Bibliography

SA4/419 'Shetland Shipwrecks' (1989)

Series descriptions

Series D56/1: Miscellaneous papers concerning Shetland shipwrecks, from project officer files
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<u>Scope and content:</u> Copies of articles, correspondence and lists			
<u>Physical description:</u> 21 items			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/1/1	Item - Copy of Jerry Eunson, 'The shipwrecks of Fair Isle' <i>Creator:</i> Eunson, Jerry	1975	
Subseries D56/1/2: Correspondence and notes concerning the wreck Gwladmena (wrecked 2 January 1918)			
<u>Date:</u> 1987 (creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 3 items			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/1/2/1	Item - Letter by I M Bladen, D.o.T., to Andy Carter, concerning ship's registration in Liverpool in May 1878. <i>Creator:</i> Bladen, I.M.	28 July 1987	
D56/1/2/2	Item - Letter by M Pratt, Lloyd's Registry of Shipping to Andy Carter, concerning initial names and owners for Gwladmena, from 1878. <i>Creator:</i> Pratt, M.	13 August 1987	
D56/1/2/3	Item - Notes by R Stuart Bruce concerning the shipwreck Gwladmena. <i>Creator:</i> Bruce, R. Stuart	Undated	
D56/1/3	Item - Photocopy of article: Andy Carter, 'Dive a Russian trawler', Scottish Diver <i>Creator:</i> Carter, Andy	Undated	
D56/1/4	Item - Photocopies of proof pages of excerpts, concerning Shetland shipwrecks,	Undated	

	from Gordon Ridley, 'Dive Scotland: Vol III' chapters 11 and 12 [published 1998] <i>Creator:</i> Ridley, Gordon		
D56/1/6	Item - Photocopy of article Andy Carter, 'Fair Isle wrecks', from Scottish Diver <i>Creator:</i> Carter, Andy	1980	
D56/1/8	Item - Photocopy of article 'Total wreck of barque at Shetland', Orkney Herald <i>Creator:</i> Orkney Herald <i>Scope and content:</i> Concerning wreck of the 'Ayrshire'	2 January 1866	
D56/1/9	Item - Photocopy of article: 'Severe storm', Orkney Herald <i>Creator:</i> Orkney Herald <i>Scope and content:</i> Concerning wreck of the 'Ayrshire'	9 January 1866	
D56/1/11	Item - Photocopy of article: Andy Carter, 'Wrecks around Lerwick', Scottish Diver <i>Creator:</i> Carter, Andy	1987	5 pages
D56/1/13	Item - Photocopied notes concerning Nesting wrecks, 1776-1882, from Ian Gear's notebook <i>Creator:</i> Gear, Ian	Undated	
D56/1/17	Item - Photoopy of manuscript poem by Sinclair Irvine, 'The ballad of the Pacific', wrecked on February 1871 on East Linga, transcribed from Shetland News <i>Creator:</i> Irvine, Sinclair	17 October 1940	
D56/1/19	Item - Photocopy of Ordnance Survey map of Flaeshans of Sandwick, Whalsay, marked to show four wreck sites, including that of the Alba	Undated	2 sheets
D56/1/20	Item - Photocopy of newspaper article: 'Shipping accident at Whalsay: German trawler strikes on Rumble Holm: vessel sunk', from the Shetland Times. <i>Creator:</i> Shetland Times	27 March 1909	

	<i>Scope and content:</i> Concerning the Kryno Albrecht		
D56/1/21	Item - Manuscript notes from interview with David Robertson, Jarlshof, Scalloway concerning diving on wrecks	Undated	4 pages
	<i>Creator:</i> Robertson, David		
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Including submarine E.49 off Balta Isle; Tonis (Ionis) Chandris; Bohus; Bracken Lea; Kantanella; Jackdaw		
D56/1/22	Item - Photocopy of typed notes concerning Gratis of Dramen, wrecked at Back of Cruss, near Aithsvoe, Cunningsburgh on 6 April 1810	Undated	
	<i>Creator:</i> Unknown		
Series D56/2: Miscellaneous papers concerning Shetland shipwrecks, from project officer files			
<u>Scope and content:</u> Copies of articles, correspondence and lists			
<u>Physical description:</u> 26 items			
<u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/2/1	Item - Photocopy of newspaper article Tom Henderson, 'Walls parish church bell: a 1764 Fitful Head wreck recalled', Shetland News	13 March 1956	
	<i>Creator:</i> Henderson, Tom		
D56/2/2	Item - Photocopy of notes concerning Shetland shipwrecks, from hand-written book 'found in an old bakery in Dunrossness'	Undated	
	<i>Creator:</i> Unknown		
D56/2/3	Item - Photocopy of newspaper article: 'A mystery of the sea: vessel, bottom up, driven ashore at Dunrossness' (concerning Danish sailing schooner Martin Nisson), Shetland Times	4 January 1930	
	<i>Creator:</i>		

	Shetland Times		
D56/2/4	Item - Photocopy of OS map of Out Skerries, with 9 shipwrecks marked <i>Creator:</i> Ordnance Survey	Undated	2 sheets
D56/2/9	Item - Typed note by Tom Henderson concerning bell of shipwreck Wendela (1737) <i>Creator:</i> Henderson, Tom	Undated	
Subseries D56/2/10: Papers concerning shipwrecked submarine HMS E49, lost on 12 March 1917			
<u>Date:</u> 1917 (creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 5 items			
<u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/2/10/1	Item - Photocopy of article: Andy Carter 'Search for submarine E49', Scottish Diver. <i>Creator:</i> Carter, Andy	1984	2pp.
D56/2/10/2	Item - Photocopy of letter by Robert Wilson, Unst Herring & White Fishing Protection Association, Queens Hotel, to Sir Thomas W Parkinson with commiserations concerning loss of his son [Lieutenant Reay Parkinson], his ship [Submarine E49] and crew in an explosion off Baltasound [12 March 1917]. <i>Creator:</i> Wilson, Robert <i>Scope and content:</i> with copy of undated note by Naval Authority censor, Lieut. J W White	Undated [1917]	5pp.
D56/2/10/3	Item - Letter by M Wilson, MoD, concerning shipwrecked submarine, HMS E49, lost on 12 March 1917 <i>Creator:</i> Wilson, M.	15 August 1983	1p.
D56/2/10/4	Item - Photocopy of sheet extract with details of British Class E submarines	Undated	1p.

D56/2/10/5	Item - Photocopy of lists of crew losses on shipwrecked submarine HMS E49	12 March 1917	2pp.
D56/2/12	Item - Photocopy of report 'NACSAC: 1975 Fair Isle Expedition' (diving expedition to carry out a wreck survey) <i>Creator:</i> Brooks, S.H.Muckelroy, K. <i>Scope and content:</i> Report by Lieutenant S H Brooks R.N. & K Muckelroy [1951 - 1980], St Andrews Institute of Maritime Archaeology.	1975	30pp.
Subseries D56/2/13: Miscellaneous lists of shipwreck sites around Shetland			
<u>Date:</u> Undated (creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 14 items			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
D56/2/14	Item - Photocopy of typed and manuscript notes by R. Stuart Bruce, 'Some old Shetland wrecks: The Batchelor', wrecked in Shetland in 1774	Undated	2 sheets
	<i>Creator:</i> Bruce, R. Stuart		
D56/2/15	Item - Photocopy of Jean-Claude Joffre, 'The discovery of the wreck of the Queen of Sweden', Scottish Diver.	1982	
	<i>Creator:</i> Joffre, Jean-Claude		
D56/2/19	Item - Letter by David Ferguson, Stromness, enclosing a supplementary list of Shetland shipwrecks	22 July 1987	
	<i>Creator:</i> Ferguson, David <i>Scope and content:</i> with list of abbreviated sources		
D56/2/20	Item - Letter by David Ferguson, Stromness, with a supplementary list of Shetland shipwrecks.	27 October 1987	
	<i>Creator:</i> Ferguson, David		
D56/3	Item - Photocopies of Shetland wrecks card index	Undated	75 paired sheets
D56/4	Item - List of project files compiled by shipwrecks project team	1986-1989	2 items

D56/5	Item - Notes concerning shipwrecks located and dived on around Shetland, on individual sheets	Undated	66 sheets
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Series D56/6: Material concerning the Tonis [or Ionis] Chandris, lost circa 8 January 1940

Date: Circa 8 January 1940 (creation)

Physical description: 5 items

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/6/2	Item - Letter by Rudi Saunders, with sketch plan of shipwreck on The Vere (east of Mu Ness). <i>Creator:</i> Saunders, Rudi	22 February 1988	
D56/6/3	Item - Copy of article: 'Fate of Greek steamer: a total wreck after striking reef', Shetland Times. <i>Creator:</i> Shetland Times	20 January 1940	
D56/6/4	Item - Copy of article: 'Greek steamer a total wreck: escapes from U-Boat and runs on a Shetland reef', Shetland News. <i>Creator:</i> Shetland Times	18 January 1940	

Series D56/7: Material concerning the Highcliffe, struck on Forewick Holm, 6 February 1940

Date: 6 February 1940 (creation)

Physical description: 6 items

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/7/1	Item - Copy of newspaper articles concerning the wrecking of Highcliffe (6 February 1940);	6 February 1940	duplicate
D56/7/2	Item - Letter by W A L Seaman, county archivist Tyne & Wear County Council,	3 November 1980	4 sheets

	<p>with photocopy of photograph and specification notes concerning S S Highcliffe.</p> <p><i>Creator:</i> Seaman, W.A.L</p>
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Series D56/8: Material concerning shipwreck Samba

Date: 28 December 1956 (creation)

Physical description: 3 items

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/8/1	Item - Copy of newspaper article: 'Tug and lifeboat save crew of doomed Swedish ship', Shetland Times	[December 1985]	
	<i>Creator:</i> Shetland Times		
D56/8/2	Item - Copy of magazine article, Andy Carter: 'Samba: Shetland's most dramatic shipwreck', Scottish Diver	1985	
	<i>Creator:</i> Carter, Andy		
D56/8/3	Item - Photographs of shipwreck Samba	Undated	

Series D56/9: Material concerning the SRT 4240 [Orel], lost 4 March 1967, Skaw Point, Unst

Date: 4 March 1967 (creation)

Physical description: 4 items

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/9/1	Item - Copy of article: Andy Carter 'The furthest north wreck dive', Scottish Diver	1981	
	<i>Creator:</i> Carter, Andy		
D56/9/2	Item - Photographs of vessel SRT 4240, jammed into geo near Point of Skaw	Circa 4 March 1967	duplicates

D56/9/3	<p>Item - Copy of Thomas Leslie 'The Russians are coming!' from book: 'The Hidden Places of Britain' 1981</p> <p><i>Creator:</i> Leslie, Thomas</p>
D56/9/4	<p>Item - Copy of newspaper article: 'Russian trawler wrecked', Shetland Times. 10 March 1967</p> <p><i>Creator:</i> Shetland Times</p>

Series D56/10: Material concerning the Borgafelde of Hamburg, wrecked on 17 July 1888

Date: 17 July 1888 (creation)

Physical description: 3 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/11: Material concerning shipwreck Castor

Date: 17 February 1910 (creation)

Physical description: 3 items

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/11/1	Item - Photograph of wreck site of Castor, Fuglaness, Burra	Undated	
D56/11/3	Item - Copy of newspaper articles: 'Wreck on the West Side: feared loss of trawler with all hands', [Shetland Times]; 'The wreck at Burra Isle', [Shetland Times].	19 February 1910, 5 March 1910	
	<i>Creator:</i> Shetland Times		

Series D56/12: Material concerning shipwreck of *Bohus*

Date: 26 April 1924 (creation)

Physical description: 5 items

Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/12/1	Item - Copy of reports by Addie Sandison, deputy receiver of wrecks, concerning wreck of the Bohus <i>Creator:</i> Sandison, Addie	29 April 1924 - 15 January 1925	
D56/12/3	Item - Copy of newspaper article: 'Large German barque wrecked at Shetland: three of crew drowned: heroic apprentice loses his life', Shetland Times. <i>Creator:</i> Shetland Times	3 May 1924	
D56/12/5	Item - Photographs from shipwreck Bohus: figurehead; anchor on wreck. <i>Scope and content:</i> Note photographs of figurehead accidentally reversed. Photograph Index No 142 taken by Bobby Tulloch.	Undated	

Series D56/13: Material concerning wreck of Glen Isla

Date: 24 November 1917 (creation)

Physical description: 4 items

Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/13/1	Item - Letters by Miss S M Scott, Lloyds Register of Shipping, with responses to enquiry concerning the Glen Isla <i>Creator:</i> Scott, S.M.	1982-1988	4 items
D56/13/2	Item - Letter by assistant keeper, Broughty Castle Museum, concerning the Glen-Isla. <i>Creator:</i> Broughty Castle Museum	3 March 1988	1 item
D56/13/3	Item - Letter by A M Gardiner, Scottish Record Office, concerning the Glen Isla <i>Creator:</i> Gardiner, A.M.Scottish Record Office	31 March 1988	
D56/13/6	Item - Information from Tom Henderson about wreck of Glen Isla, with sketch plan of wreck site.	20 July 1982	

	<i>Creator:</i> Henderson, Tom		
D56/13/7	Item - Photographs of bell taken from wreck Glen Isla	Undated	7 items
Series D56/14: Manuscript notes on wrecks, from various archive sources and records			
<u>Date:</u> Undated (creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 3 items			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
Series D56/15: Material concerning SS St Sunniva, wrecked April 1930			
<u>Date:</u> April 1930 (creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 2 items			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/15/1	Item - Copied extracts concerning SS St Sunniva, from 'Northwards by Sea' (Gordon Donaldson) <i>Creator:</i> Donaldson, Gordon		
D56/15/2	Item - Letter (returned by GPO) addressed to publishers of Gordon Donaldson's 'Northwards by Sea';		
Series D56/16: Miscellaneous correspondence concerning shipwreck project, by Shetland Sub Aqua Group and Shetland Amenity Trust			
<u>Creator:</u> Shetland Amenity TrustShetland Sub Aqua Group			
<u>Date:</u> 1987-1988 (creation)			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
Series D56/17: Material from 'Wrecks Galore' exhibition, including photographs with typed index; sheets with outline map of Shetland locating wreck sites; visitors' book.			
<u>Date:</u> September - October 1987 (creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 4 items			

<u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/17/1	Item - Visitors' Book	September - October 1987	
D56/17/2	Item - Photocopy of Shetland map with numbered index of wreck sites.	Undated	5 pages
D56/17/3	Item - Photographs, with list from exhibition	Undated	6 pp. 37 photographs
D56/17/4	Item - Letter by George Scott Tulloch, concerning Russian shipwrecks around Shetland, in response to article in Shetland Life, December 1987. <i>Creator:</i> Tulloch, George Scott	28 August 1988	5 sheets
D56/18	Item - Letter by Stewart [Wilson], Quoy Fair Isle, enclosing sketch layout of wreck-site of Norseman's Bride <i>Creator:</i> Wilson, Stewart	2 February 1988	
Series D56/19: Material concerning Goodwill Merchant, wrecked Sunday, 18 January 1976.			
<u>Date:</u> 18 January 1976 (creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 3 items			
<u>Publication status:</u> Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/19/1	Item - Letter by A J Sandison, Brough, Whalsay, concerning photographs, taken on day of wreck, submitted on loan to project. <i>Creator:</i> Sandison, A.J.	12 February 1988	
D56/19/2	Item - Copy of newspaper article 'Coaster breaks up on Ness of Ireland', Shetland Times. <i>Creator:</i> Shetland Times	23 January 1976	

D56/19/3	Item - Photographs of wreck aground and in stages of loss beneath waves; photographs of ship's bell.	Undated	8 colour; 22 b+w
Series D56/20: Material concerning wreck of SS Jane			
<u>Date</u> : 19 July 1923 (creation)			
<u>Physical description</u> : 10 items			
<u>Publication status</u> :			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/20/1	Item - Letter by SJÖFARTMUSEET, Göteborg, enclosing photocopy of photograph. <i>Creator:</i> SJÖFARTMUSEET, Göteborg	17 February 1988	
D56/20/2	Item - Letter by SJÖFARTMUSEET, Göteborg, enclosing photograph of SS Jane. <i>Creator:</i> SJÖFARTMUSEET, Göteborg	1 March 1988	
D56/20/3	Item - Copy from R Stuart Bruce records for Island of Fetlar, entry for July 19th 1923. <i>Creator:</i> Bruce, R. Stuart	19th July 1923	
D56/20/4	Item - Photocopy of manuscript notes of account, by David Henry of Gutcher, one of the rescuers. <i>Creator:</i> Henry, David	16 June 1986	
D56/20/5	Item - Typed note, transcript of interview with DH [Davy Henry], with proofed copy, concerning SS Jane. <i>Creator:</i> Henry, David	Undated	4 pages
D56/20/6	Item - Letter by Davy Henry Gutcher, Yell, with annotated photocopy of Ordnance Survey sheets with location [a pencil cross] of sunken wreck. <i>Creator:</i> Henry, David	14 March 1988	

D56/20/7	Item - Photocopy of OS sheet, showing meads which locate diving site, with sketches illustrating the four meads.	Undated	2 sheets
D56/20/8	Item - Letter by Cleveland county archivist concerning ship Jane Cory, with details of its construction. <i>Creator:</i> Cleveland County Archives	12 November 1987	
D56/20/9	Item - Letter by Hartlepool Museum curator concerning the ship Jane Cory. <i>Creator:</i> Hartlepool Museum	9 December 1987	
D56/20/10	Item - Photographs of divers on wreck.	Undated	6 items

Series D56/21: Papers about wrecks in Whalsay and Out Skerries

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 53 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/22: Papers about wrecks in Yell

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 51 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/23: Papers about wrecks in Dunrossness

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 181 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/24: Papers about wrecks in Nesting and Tingwall

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 191 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/25: Papers about wrecks in Delting and Northmavine

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 57 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/26: Papers about wrecks in Foula, Papa Stour, Walls, Sandness, Sandsting and Aithsting

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 51 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/27: Papers about wrecks in Fair Isle

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 76 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/28: Papers about wrecks in Unst and Fetlar

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 88 items

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/29: Shetland wreck register card index

Date: 1 March 1989 (creation)

Scope and content: D56/29/1 433 Cards in chronological order (date of shipwreck)
D56/29/2 554 Cards in alphabetical order (name of shipwreck)

Physical description: 3 items

Publication status:

Published

Subseries D56/29/1: Loose cards from a card index, in chronological order for the date of wreck.

Physical description: 433 cards

Physical condition: In 3 bundles bound with archive ribbon.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries D56/29/2: Loose cards from a card index, with alphabetised entries, by name of wreck.

Physical description: 554 cards

Physical condition: In 2 bundles, bound with archive ribbon.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries D56/29/3: Card index, in date order of shipwrecks from 800 AD to 1983.

Date: 1960s (creation)

Scope and content: Includes many entries with sources other than R Stuart Bruce or Shetland Archives papers.

Physical description: 1020 cards

Publication status:

Published

Subseries D56/29/4: Log-books, created by Sean Gibson, with request that their contents be added to augment the card index catalogue.

Creator: Gibson, Sean

Date: 1989 (creation)

Publication status:

Published

Series D56/30: Miscellaneous papers

Date: Undated (creation)

Physical description: 2 items

Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
D56/30/1	Item - Notebook by David Sandison concerning final destination of items recovered from some shipwrecks <i>Creator:</i> Sandison, David	Circa 1988	1 item
D56/30/2	Item - Captain A.N. Cabot, Ships and their cargoes [3rd edition 1975] <i>Creator:</i> Cabot, A.N.	1975	1 item