

R. Graham's Eaglesham Essay



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Fonds Date(s)	1904c.
Extent and medium	1 double page of foolscap
Name of creator	R. Graham
Administrative/ biographical history	unknown
Archival history	This item had been transferred from North Ayrshire Museums to Ayrshire Archives; but prior archival history is unknown; the donor had no knowledge of provenance or archival history.
Immediate source of acquisition	Transferred from Ayrshire archives in August 2010 (2010/06)
Scope and content	<p>1 hand-written document, detailing "Eaglesham in its early days", written in Scots vernacular.</p> <p>From the paper, handwriting and content, it seems to be from very early in the twentieth century, but the date "1837" has been written, unattributed, on the front in later ink.</p> <p>Also written on the essay, again presumably at a later date, are corrections of "Eaglethorpe" for "Eaglesham". This is almost certainly an error, however: there seems to be no "Eaglethorpe" anywhere in Scotland, and from the initial description of "twa fine raw o' white-washed houses and nae less than seven acre o' a common green", and other place-specific references, there is little reason to doubt the accuracy of the original title.</p>
Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information	This archive consists of only one item, which has been appraised as worthy of permanent archival retention.
Accruals	No further accruals are expected.
System of Arrangement	There is only 1 item; it is simply numbered 07 1
Conditions governing access	There are no restrictions on access
Finding Aids	An item level list has been prepared and is searchable on the archives database.
Allied materials	see [currently unlisted] Bill Scot papers for later information on Eaglesham
Archivist's note	Description prepared by Craig Geddes, Council Records Manager.
Rules or conventions	This description was based on the General International Standard for Archival Description and East Renfrewshire Council's Manual of Listing and Archival Description.
Dates(s) of descriptions	16/11/2010

Reference	Description	Date(s)	No. of pieces
07 1	<p>Essay titled "Eaglesham in its early days" by R. Graham. The item is written in Scots, and provides a light-hearted if somewhat chaotic series of reminiscences about the village of Eaglesham.</p> <p>It details the work of the chimney sweep/gas man/lamp-lighter; the fire in the "auld cotton mill" [1876] and the resulting hardships; the establishment of a "Provost and Coouncil" and subsequent improvements to the village.</p>	1904c.	1