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Mearns Agricultural Society



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<i>Fonds Date(s)</i>	1898 - 1942
<i>Extent and medium</i>	Two volumes and a small file of papers; 0.1m
<i>Name of creator</i>	Mearns Agricultural Society
<i>Administrative/ biographical history</i>	The Mearns Agricultural Society was formed some time prior to 1898. Its foundation date is uncertain, but at 3(7) there is reference to the "Mearns Show" having gone on for [at least] "jst about 80 years". The Society's membership was drawn from farmers throughout Mearns Parish. It met regularly at least until the outbreak of the second world war.
<i>Archival history</i>	This archive was acquired by Eastwood District Libraries or East Renfrewshire Council's Community and Leisure Department some time prior to 2006. It was latterly stored in the Neilston Leisure Centre. No further information on the archival history of this material is available.
<i>Immediate source of acquisition</i>	The material was transferred to the Archives along with other records as part of accession 2006/02 by Amanda Robb, Local Studies Librarian, on 20th September 2006.
<i>Scope and content</i>	1 Minute Book, 1 Treasurer's Account Book and a file of loose papers.
<i>Appraisal, destruction _ scheduling information</i>	All items have been appraised as worthy of permanent archival retention.
<i>Accruals</i>	It seems that the Society was in existence prior to the first records extant - and may have continued after the latest material here, but no other material is known and no new accruals are expected.
<i>System of Arrangement</i>	Each of the three items has been given a unique consecutive number. Note that the bundle of loose papers had been enclosed at the back of the minute book.
<i>Conditions governing access</i>	There are no restrictions on access
<i>Finding Aids</i>	An item level list has been prepared and is searchable on the archives database.
<i>Allied materials</i>	none
<i>Archivist's note</i>	Description prepared by Craig Geddes, Council Records Manager.
<i>Rules or conventions</i>	This description was based on the General International Standard for Archival Description and East Renfrewshire Council's Manual of Listing and Archival Description.
<i>Dates(s) of descriptions</i>	10th May 2007

<i>Item reference</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>No. of pieces</i>
01 1	<p>Minute Book</p> <p>The Society held annual agricultural shows, and presented prizes for cattle, horses, sheep, poultry, turnips, eggs, butter and baking, and was engaged in social activities such as dinners, whist drives, curling matches, etc.</p> <p>The minute of 29th May 1925 refers to a letter being sent to the Secretary of State for Scotland to "take steps to prohibit the lifting of plover eggs throughout the whole year. This bird, which was rapidly becoming extinct, was a good friend to the farmer". The minute of 3rd Feb 1926 refers to plans to protect lapwings' eggs.</p>	1898 - 1940	1
01 2	<p>Treasurer's Account Book</p> <p>Includes lists of donor and balance sheets.</p>	1905 - 1939	1
01 3	<p>Bundle of papers re. the annual Agricultural Society Show, including estimates for joinery work, press clippings, cancelled cheques and correspondence.</p> <p>These papers were loose at the back of item 01 1.</p> <p>INC.:</p> <p>(6) newspaper article noting how the show is situated in an area (Stewartfield) which is "gradually but inevitably being given over to housing", 1939</p> <p>(8) extract from the "Farming News" on the 1939 show including photographs of Clydesdale horses, 1939 [digital image available]</p>	1937 - 1942	11