

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Archives

McNab Scrapbook listings

James McNab (1810-1878) was Head Gardener at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh between 1849 and his death in 1878. Two of his 'scrapbooks' are held in the archives at RBGE – inside are various newspaper cuttings, letters, paintings and ephemera that relate to his life and that of his father's – William McNab (17??-1848) who was held the position of Head Gardener at RBGE prior to his son, between 1810 and 1848.

What follows below is a listing of the contents of the two scrapbooks, produced by library volunteers Jane, Paul and Ruth between 2008 and 2016.

James McNab scrapbook vol 1

Notes by JC: March 2008

Inside front cover:

- Various versions of tree moving machines. Beautiful prints. Undated
- loose letter dated 1924 from Susan McNab regarding gift of the scrap books

pp.1.3-6

- 1810. Correspondence between Daniel Rutherford, Joseph Banks and William T Aiton regarding William McNab's appointment at RBGE

pp.1.7-10

- Testimonial to the Barons of Exchequer regarding William McNab, aiming to increase his salary

p.1.11

- 1820. Letters to William McNab regarding Daniel Rutherford's death from Mrs Kennedy, Robert Graham, William T Aiton and Robert Rutherford (Daniel's son)

p.1.13 ?

- Death notices regarding William McNab (1848) and James McNab (1878)

p.1.13 ?

- 1812. Letter from James Smith to William McNab including detailed plant lists

pp.1.14-17

- 1849. Letters from James McNab regarding his appointment plus letters from J. Henderson, John Hutton Balfour, Lindley, Patrick Neill and James E. Smith

p.1.17

- News article on the Caledonian Horticultural Society's Winter Garden

pp.1.18-19

- (difficult to read) letter regarding a legacy and James McNab

p.1.20

- News arts (1849?) regarding James McNab's appointment to RBGE and the loss to the Caledonian Horticultural Society

p.1.21

- Notes of appointment of James McNab? from John Hutton Balfour, Fleming and the Botanical Society of Edinburgh

pp.1.21-29

- James McNab's letter of resignation from the Caledonian Horticultural Society and other associated letters and articles
- News article on trees in the Meadows, Edinburgh
- Undated newspaper article on the appointment of Mr Evans by the Caledonian Horticultural Society
- Acknowledgement from Patrick Neill regarding James McNab's resignation from the Caledonian Horticultural Society post ('Experimental Gardener')
- 1849. Article regarding James McNab's presentation at leaving Caledonian Horticultural Society plus letter of acknowledgement from James McNab to Patrick Neill
- Extracts from Caledonian Horticultural Society minutes regarding James McNab leaving

p.1.29

- 1820 Letter from William McNab regarding being in the Association of London Botanical Society

p.1.30-

- 1840. Passports (some very decorative) used by James McNab for travelling in Germany.

p.1.33

- Drawings of 'D McNab' brother?

pp.1.33-35

- 1850. Correspondence with Walker Arnott, W J Hooker, Francis Dickson and a Lord (illegible.) regarding transplantation of evergreens. Also mention of Cape Heaths.

p.1.37 ?

- Invitation to James McNab to attend an aunt's funeral at Warriston Cemetery

p.1.37?

- Notice regarding three McNab publications

p.1.39

- 1844. Proposal at testimonial dinner for a monument to William McNab
[note here that acc to William McNab, Joseph Banks left little in writing]

p.1.40

- News article about monument, etc.

p.1.42

- William McNab's certificate of membership for the London Horticultural Society

p.1.45-

- Article regarding Caledonian Horticultural Society meeting and William McNab's death.

p.1.49

- 1846. Article and letter regarding death of Mr Brown of Perth, plus notes in James McNab's hand. Brown went to America with James McNab.

p.1.50

- News articles regarding Cambridge Botanical Garden and Scottish public finances.

p.1.51

- News article and illustration from the London Illustrated News about the new museum at Kew Botanical Gardens

p.1.52

- 1850. Article about the setting up of new glasshouses and museum at RBGE requiring moving big trees

p.1.53

- 1850. News articles regarding improvements at RBGE, plus issues of access

p.1.54

- 1845. Article regarding William Jackson Hooker's son Joseph Dalton Hooker's eligibility for Edinburgh University's Professor of Botany post

p.1.54-

- 1786. Loose. bill addressed to Daniel Rutherford from apothecary, possibly the earliest document filed in this book?
- 1835. Loose. James McNab's Certificate of membership to the Caledonian Horticultural Society

p.1.55

- 1845. Articles regarding Joseph Dalton Hooker's eligibility for Edinburgh University Professor of Botany [or Regius Keeper?] John Hutton Balfour elected

pp.1.56-57

- no date? Details of tree/shrub transplanting [this note may refer to p.64]

p.1.56

- 1851. Lengthy article reporting John Hutton Balfour's first Botany lecture of the season. Good description of the history of RBG including Regius Keepers like John Hope, etc.

p.1.58

- 'Battle of Glen Tilt' - Article reporting John Hutton Balfour's clash with the Duke of Atholl's men over rights of way through the Blair Castle estate. John Hutton Balfour eventually won.

p.1.60

- Obituary in 'The Agriculturalist' for James Edward Smith – author of 'Flora Landonensis' (see earlier mention)???????

p.1.61

- 1812. Letter to James McNab. Lengthy, difficult to read. Includes plant lists.
- 1843. Article '?' and Agricultural Society of Scotland' regarding Canadian trees/timber
- 1843. Article regarding RBGE's *Erica hyemalis* plus further article on *Rhododendrons arthropogon* and *lapponicum* at Dysart.
- Obituary for William Loddiges (German nurseryman and botanist, resident in London?)

p.1.62

- c.1849. Article regarding bad-tempered spat about duplicated material in magazine, plus article on retrial of Donald Munro

p.1.63

- Article regarding improvements at RBGE including museum, new glasshouses, etc.

p.1.64

- Three articles in the 'North British Agriculturalist' by James McNab on tree moving machines.

pp.1.67-90

- 1820s. William McNab's plant paintings; some loose, some by other artists.

p.1.93

- Loose certificate, very decorative, from Warriston Cemetery giving (?whom) right of burial in William McNab's plot, plus something about a trustee in Jamaica.

p.1.93

- undated article in Penny Magazine which is very critical of Kew at the beginning of the 19th century claiming that it monopolised plants coming in but was very exclusive and was also ill managing its hardy plants. It was better by the 1830s. There is also a very good summary of all well-known Botanic Gardens at this time. Interesting debate on public versus private funding (saying England did not need a publicly funded Botanic Garden because private gardens were so good!) [n.b. St. Petersburg founded by Emperor Alexander]

p.1.94

- Coloured engraving of Brussels Botanic Garden

p.1.95

- View of unidentified Botanic Garden conservatory by T. Troughton - sent to Roscoe (who was involved in Liverpool Botanic Garden) [n.b. RBGE has a plan dated early 1820s? which appears to show Liverpool glasshouse plans alongside RBGE glasshouse plans]

pp.1.95-109

- 1939. Testimonial, letters, drawings, etc. regarding Patrick Neill bust and vase, including the Crombie caricature of Dr Neill

p.1.110

- Notice of Dr Neill's death

p.1.112

- (loose) Notice of George Don's death and also notes from George Don to Patrick Neill
- 1812. (loose) note concerning George Don's own Botanic Garden

p.1.115

- (loose) Letters from Henderson

p.1.117

- Notice regarding Henderson's death

p.1.119

- 1803. Documents relating to William McNab serving in the Kew voluntary Infantry – includes subscriptions for funding

p.1.120

- Portrait of J T MacKay – author 'Flora Hibernica'

p.1.121

- 1857. Letter and article regarding Dublin Botanic Garden

p.1.122

- Documents regarding a fund for a bust, etc. to remember Andrew Duncan, co-founder of the Caledonian Horticultural Society

p.1.125

- 1851. British Guiana catalogue for the Great Exhibition?

pp.1.126,127

- ?1814. Account of expedition (?where), plus other documents relating to trips by William McNab(?), plus letter regarding New York. Includes detailed bill of his preliminary travels round London – mainly by ‘omnibus’! Dated 1835 so presumably must be a subsequent trip.

p.1.130

- 1843. Letter from John Claudius Loudon (expert on architecture, landscape gardening, etc) regarding declining some honour (v. diff to read) [see later obituary on p.132]. Also his signature which has been cut and pasted from another document.

p.1.131

- 1840. Letter (no sig) with drawing of portable greenhouse – sort of Wardian case
- 1843. Letter with illegible signature from the Patent Office referring to ‘Canker worms of Experimental Garden’ from North America. Brad...???

p.1.133

- Letter from Robert Fortune [another one on p.137]

(from this point collected letters seem to be to Robert not William - ?check this?)

p.1.134

- two letters, 2nd from Joseph Dalton Hooker

p.1.135

- Possibly 1840 (difficult to read). Letter from Joseph Paxton at Chatsworth. He is after copy for his new publication, an alternative to the ‘vile trash’ (!) of the Gardener’s Gazette.

p.1.137

- Small article on Kew appointments

pp.1.138, 139

- c1850s – Lindley – very detailed articles on RBGE botanical museum. Mentions the fossil tree. N.b. Robert Matheson, the Palm House architect is involved. Also see McNab’s own contributions. Included Dracaenas (Dragon’s Blood trees)

pp.1.140-142

- Notes and articles relating to James McNab's trip to the United States of America

p.1.141

- Crossed letter addressed to 'J McNab – Experimental Gardener' – though pamphlet regarding the United States of America trip calls him Herbarium Curator. Envelope stamped Liverpool

p.1.143

- March 15th 1835. Letter from William Jackson Hooker
- 1844. Botanical Society of Edinburgh notice regarding the United States of America trip

p.1.144

- 'Old Virginny' song-sheet
- Loose portrait of William Jackson Hooker

p.1.145

- Letters regarding possible planting of trees by Salisbury Crags, rats attacking zoo elephant's feet, giant rhododendron in Ayrshire plus report of damage to RBGE itself (?) Mentions Robert Chambers.

p.1.147

- Diploma from Pennsylvania

pp.1.150-153

- 1836. Documents relating to the dismissal of James Barnet by the Caledonian Horticultural Society

p.1.155

- (loose in envelope) Photograph (probably very early one) of flowering succulent - ?aloe?
- (loose in envelope) Photograph dated toc.1855 showing palms extruding through the roof of the 1834 palm house alongside note from Robert Matheson to say funding had been approved for new Palm House. James McNab has added note to say that he received it in 1856 as the Castle guns were firing for the peace at the end of the Crimean War. [now removed and placed in Victorian Photo box in RBGE photo section]

p.1.157

- Three pastel drawings of castle, landscape and cottage

p.1.163

- 1852. Letter from S. Murray regarding changes at Glasgow Botanic Garden – apologia – going commercial – says it will not work
- Letter of support for Murray (see above) – signature possibly Charles McIntosh

p.1.165

- Testimonial regarding Charles McIntosh, Head gardener at Dalkeith (n.b. he was involved in 'taking levels at Ben Lawes') Very varied career. Author of 'Practical Gardener' (see later prospectus f 1852 edition) List of subscribers, toasts, dinners, etc

p.1.168

- Letter to James McNab from Charles McIntosh

p.1.169

- 1852. Miscellaneous signatures and membership, plus publicity for Murray's??? 'Book of the Garden' (looks like Kibble Palace in the illustration)

p.1.172

- Signature of 'Maconachie of Meadowbank' (Richard Trotter) plus Robert Christison

p.1.173

- Note regarding tree rings by ?McNiell (labelled later) plus signature of Hugh Miller

p.1.174

- Signature of James Cunningham

p.1.175

- Associate's ticket for British Association for the Advancement of Science
- 1810 Auction Catalogue of sale of minerals etc – also books – belonging to Thomas Somerville 'manager' of Botanic Garden (RBGE). Botanic Cottage

p.1.176

- Envelope 'written in milk' ?to cheat postage? ? from whom?

p.1.177

- 1824. Letter from James Charles Tate of the London Botanic Garden with painting of Fuschia on the back

pp.1.178, 179

- Account and illustration of hybrid Laburnum showing non-blended features [is this the same one in the 'abberant' bed today?]

p.1.181

- 1854. Article regarding Torbanehill mineral (links HB with Hugh Miller)

p.1.182

- Undated. Notice regarding the publication of William McNab's book on evergreens

p.1.183

- Notice of William/Robert McNab's 'Scottish Gardener' (new magazine) William was the curator and Robert the Superintendent of Experimental Garden and artist to the Botanical Society of Edinburgh. Argues against the southern bias of the other magazines. Points out that Scotland has warmer winters than England. [?!] Magazine is being patronised by the Caledonian Horticultural Society
- Possible proof copy of the magazine? corrected by James or William?

p.1.185

- 1852. List of plants from Oregon from Andrew Murray, Edinburgh (Oregon Botanical Society)

p.1.188

- Forbes testimonial committee – subscription reminder. From McNab? ? to show he was on the case?

p.1.189

- Drawing of Professor Dunbar
- Catalogue of sale of Dunbar's plants and equipment (Rose Park, Trinity)

p.1.190

- Engraving of William Curtis ('Flora Londinensis')

p.1.191

- Suggestions from Dr Robert Graham about preparation of Herbarium specimens (including fruit and seeds) – undated, but probably sometime between 1820-1845

p.1.192

- Undated Edinburgh Weekly Journal article regarding a horticultural 'schism' – story concerning the Horticultural Society's accountant

p.1.194

- published letter (from James McNab?) to sculptor Patrick Park about his (proposal for?) a naked statue of William Wallace

p.1.195

- 1843. Caledonian Horticultural Society report on proposal to build the Caledonian Hall, includes a note of the architect's fee. Proposal to raise £230 from members

p.1.197

- Letter regarding the death of William Gardiner from James Scrimgeour (very emotional)

p.1.199

- Botanical Society of Edinburgh minutes including instructions from McNab (William or James? – probably James) about transporting seeds from abroad

p.1.201

- 1869. Paper by 'William' (?who – not McNab) on staining of microscope specimens

p.1.203

- 1838. Letter from William Anderson, Chelsea Botanic Garden to William McNab

pp.1.204,205

- 1847. Picture and list of subscribers for monument at Warriston Cemetery to Robert Arthur

p.1.207

- 1835. Founding of Botanical Society of Edinburgh – Statement of aims etc – James McNab named as curator

p.1.208

- 1855. Newspaper reports of 'improvements' to Linlithgow Palace (including planting) (William McNab had provided plans but never acted on it – job now went to James McNab with the same plans)

pp.1.213-215

- 1845 and 1847 William Jackson Hooker's Kew reports – Palm House in progress and their visitor numbers are 9,000 in 1841, 46,000 in 1846

p.1.217

- 1852 Dr Royle's report on introduction and cult of Deodar in Great Britain, plus letter by same on same

p.1.219

- 1854 D. Moore's report regarding Dublin Botanic Garden - see mention of necessary destruction of the old dwelling house!
- 1852. Same – wants Museum of Economic Botany like Edinburgh

p.1.220

- 1837. Letter from the ?Duke of Argyle regarding appointment of James Cunningham, Florist and Nurseryman to Her Majesty

p.1.223

- 1853 John Adams's paper regarding journeymen gardener wages in Scotland. He wants a rise from 10/- to 13/-. Have been advised to emigrate! Refers to strike - ?against whom.

p.1.224

- Undated advert for new journal 'Scottish Florist'

p.1.223

- 1852. Private printed paper by Guthrie regarding a complicated scrap with Charles? McIntosh about journal editing. Plus later postscript. Plus riposte from Sivewright.

p.1.233

- 1852. J Cunningham, nurseryman, Comely Bank. Catalogue of sale of rare conifers and greenhouse plants

p.1.235

- No date. William Anderson, Chelsea. Letter (looks early) regarding plants
- 1853 newspaper article regarding the Sabbath dispute – it's generally anti, but gives RBGE a good write up
- Early plans to create Inverleith Park

p.1.238

- 1855 newspaper article

p.1.239

- Spat regarding felling of trees in Princes Street Gardens

pp.1.240-243

- Undated Newspaper article regarding plans to put roads around or through the Meadows – William? McNab gives advice regarding the possibility of soil compaction problems (n.b. is this before construction of road along southern boundary?)

p.1.245

- Article regarding public access to Princes Street Garden - January 1853 John Hutton Balfour

p.1.251

- Article in 'Scottish Gardener' regarding transplanting trees (50) – about 'McGlashen's' invention (?more elaborate version of Wm McN's? – only needs one man to work it) (see also pp.272,73,75)

p.1.253

- 1844. Notice of legal action in defence of John McDonald (gardener, Riccarton) for unfair dismissal on charge of embezzlement etc

Some blank pages and some possibly cut out (check for this earlier)

pp.1.268, 269, 270

- Leaflets including illustrations of glasshouses at Glasgow Botanic Gardens

p.1.277

- Undated. Letter from Robert Matheson to James McNab regarding initial work for the Palm House.

p.1.279

- Undated, Midland Railway Hotel, Derby. Letter from John Murray to James McNab regarding conversation with gardener at Elvaston

p.1.283

- 1854. Newspaper article plus illustration of a leaf insect. McNab involved in cultivating them.

p.1.289

- 1839, 1837. Letters from Alan Cunningham (Sydney Botanic Garden) to William McNab

p.1.296

- 1889. Notice regarding the death of Professor William McNab in Dublin (this was James McNab's son)

Inside back cover

- Very decorative Botanical Society of Edinburgh Diploma – blank – showing tropical plants
- No date – news-sheet – 'great victories in the Baltic' (? against Russians, Crimean War, 1850s)

On back cover

- Some undated accounts

James McNab scrapbook vol 2

Notes by PM and RM, 2016

p.2.1

- Funeral cards for Daniel Ferguson and Robert Glendinning

p.2.2

- 19/8/1858. Extract from Falkirk Herald regarding description of RBGE. Also letter from Hooker to James McNab regarding heating for palm houses.

p.2.3

- c.1861. Extracts from several papers regarding developments at RBGE

pp.2.4-5

- May 1862, July 1858. Extracts alluding to the extension of the Garden to its maximum area.
- 30/5/1860. Letter from Arbuthnott at the Treasury to RBGE regarding increase in Grant of £400

pp.2.6-9

- Extracts regarding McNab's work on Linlithgow Palace garden; also McGlashen's machinery for transplanting trees

pp.2.10-11

- Press articles regarding famous visitors including Palmerston, Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and children and Prince William of Hesse

p.2.12

- Article on Archibald Gorrie from Northern Warder detailing his career as gardener and factor at Annat

p.2.13

- Excerpt from Flora Perthensis regarding indigenous plants to that County

p.2.14

- 10/5/1860. Letter from David Ferguson to Sir Joseph Paxton MP regarding hothouses and terraces

p.2.15

- 1864-5. Extracts about Town Council funding of plants for public parks and ensuing discussions with Government about future funding

p.2.16

- 10/2/1848. Letter from "Mr Punch" to McNab about funding the Glass Garden

p.2.17

- Sketch of a Certificate of Merit by the late Lord Murray done before a Council Meeting in the Garden

p.2.18

- 1840. Minutes of a Botanical Society of Edinburgh meeting

p.2.19

- Illustrated notes on *Cupressus McNabiana*

pp.2.20-21

- 8/4/1841. Lecture by McNab to Botanical Society of Edinburgh regarding rearing of plants by alternative methods with illustrations

p.2.22

- Extracts about westward extension of the garden, and consultations about Sunday opening
- description of a new acacia from Van Diemen's land (Tasmania)

p.2.23

- July 1860. Extract from proceedings of Botanical Society of Edinburgh
- letter from McNab to Turner & Gibson Hammersmith's Dublin regarding advantages of iron over wood for plant structures
- letter from J McKay to McNab thanking him for a plant
- obituary notice for McKay

pp.2.24-25

- Jan. 1861. Excerpts from Evening Courant regarding Scottish Meteorological Association
- Dec 1861. Advert for McNab's transplanting machines ex Scottish Farmer and Horticulturist

p.2.26

- Description of McNab's flued saddleboiler for heating hothouses with diagrams

p.2.27

- McNab's transplanting machine with diagram

p.2.28

- Letters from/to Kenneth MacLeay and McNab regarding plants on clan badges (at the Queen's request)

p.2.29

- List of plants found on clan badges; description of *Clerodendron Thomsonae* by Professor John Hutton Balfour with colour plate

pp.2.30-31

- April 1860. Description of *Asafoetida* Plants by Professor John Hutton Balfour

p.2.32

- 29/5/1858. First Exhibition in the Garden by Caledonian Horticultural Society;
- distribution of prizes ex Courant
- Perth Town Council Minutes (no Date) regarding planting trees on North Inch

p.2.33

- 24/12/1859. Description of a case in Court of Session regarding the liquidation of the Western Bank, no apparent connection with RBGE
- article regarding the Ross Fountain in West Princes Street gardens

pp.2.34-41

- 14/1/1878. Article by James McNab on transplanting trees and shrubs with illustrations
- letter to McNab asking for delivery of transplanting machine

p.2.45

- 6/6/1863. Ex Courant from the Court Circular regarding Prince Alfred in Edinburgh visiting the Garden, he was received by Prof. John Hutton Balfour and James McNab

p.2.46-47

- Description of Ordeal Bean of Calabar by John Hutton Balfour with illustrations (Transactions of the Royal Society)

p.2.49

- Portrait of Professor John Hutton Balfour by W.J. Welch

p.2.51

- 4/2/1867. Substance of a Speech by Professor John Hutton Balfour to the National Bible Society of Scotland (Science v Religion)

p.2.53

- 12/10/1865. Letter from Andrew Forward to James McNab regarding sending plants to the Misses Gibson Craig

p.2.54

- 30/6/1866. Extract from Herts Guardian regarding Mr W. Paul's nurseries at Waltham Cross

p.2.55

- Extract from Gardeners Magazine regarding residence of Mr Robert Henderson at Helensburgh.
- 1865. Obituary of Mr Joseph Henderson, head gardener to Earl Fitzwilliam

p.2.57

- Application for a copy of a photograph of the executive committee of the International Horticultural Exhibition and Botanical Congress

p.2.59

- Testimonial to Mr Robert Thompson, Head Gardener of the Royal Horticultural Gardens at Chiswick

p.2.60

- Jan 1866. Two extracts regarding improvements to West Princes St. Gardens
- 13/7/1867. Scotsman article regarding botanical excursion to Borthwick Hall

p.2.62

- 15/3/1860. Minutes of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh referring to the late Dr Gilbert McNab of Jamaica.
- Description of W McNab's work with Scots Fir trees from Moredun Estate and diseased trees from The High Street.

p.2.65

- Jan 1856. Pamphlet by James McNab on the retubbing of palms and other exotics

p.2.67

- 1873. Pamphlet by James McNab; same title as above with developments

p.2.68

- 1/8/1865. Receipt of donation of £1 to the Horticultural Society from James McNab
- 16/2/1854. Extract from Kilmarnock Journal regarding Kilmarnock Weeping Willow

p.2.69

- 25/7/1861. Notice of meeting of Royal Dublin Society regarding Sunday opening of Glasnevin Garden.
- Article on The Big Tree published by E. Sang, Kirkcaldy.
- Article from University Botanical Garden Ballsbridge regarding the retiral of Dr Mackay
- 10/10/1853. "A Valuable Discovery" a cure for cholera and bowel complaints by Rev Robert Gellatly, surgeon
- Drawing of J. Paxton and the Crystal Palace

p.2.70

- Extract from Gardeners Chronicle "Why do leaves fall?"
- Meeting of Royal Physical Soc. – Note on *Lathridius Filum* by W. McNab
- Specimens of *Arius Boakewi* from Ceylon by Mr Turner
- 27/11/1863. Lecture by W. McNab to Trinity Young Men's Institute on Coral and Coral reefs.

p.2.71

- 1/8/1866. University of Edinburgh Medical graduation lists
- March 1869. Syllabus of lectures on Botany by William McNab given to Crichton Royal Institution Dumfries
- 1/5/1854. Article regarding steam heating apparatus for water by Messrs Maitland and Gorrie patentees
- c.1859. Report of postponement of Grand Curling Match due to warm weather!
- 1859. Advertisement of apple and pear trees for sale at the Experimental Garden
- July 1861. Article regarding Sunday opening of the Garden
- Cutting on Insurance, remainder missing.

p.2.74-75

- 23/5/1874. Extract from Gardeners Chronicle regarding the Palm Stove at RBGE with illustration by Mr J.D. Nicol

p.2.81

- 15/6/1863. Press cutting regarding Court case involving damage to trees and vegetation at Baileyfield caused by the North British Railway Company
- Dec 1860. Temperatures at RBGE on different thermometers
- Monthly meeting of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh where climatic factors were shown to influence plant growth
- Letter from a Sabbatarian commenting on Professor John Hutton Balfour's constitutional in the Garden on Sunday morning
- Press cutting on theft of plants from RBGE by two young gentlemen with a dog

p.2.86

- 13/5/1861. Letter from the Queen's Secretary to James McNab

p.2.87

- 27/5/1861. Letter from the Queen's Secretary at Osborne to James McNab
- 7/6/1864 & 15/9/1865. Letters from Osborne to James McNab

p.2.88

- 1867-69. Miscellaneous press cuttings

p.2.89

- List of donors including McNab to various Lancashire charities, and other press cuttings

p.2.90

- 11/6/1863. Item from the Daily Review regarding 'Gregory's Mixture'

p.2.91

- Press cutting regarding Prizegiving for Art students at the National Gallery where Susan McNab was a student

p.2.93

- 9/1/1864. Obituary for Charles McIntosh, garden architect

p.2.94

- 21/1/1874. Report on Town Council Meeting regarding the acquisition of Inverleith House grounds. Professor John Hutton Balfour's speech on the purchase by the Council.

p.2.95

- 3/3/1866. Extract from the North Briton regarding public buildings maintained by the Civil Service;
- Press cutting regarding the purchase of Inverleith House and Park discussed during a visit by Lord Henry Lennox, First Commissioner of Works to RBGE

p.2.96

- 18/11/1875. Acquisition of West Princes Street Garden for Edinburgh's Improvement Parliamentary Notice

pp.2.101-104

- 18/9/1874. Improvements of the Meadows- Report of Streets and Buildings Committee City Council.
- 9/12/1874. Press cuttings regarding the above including Reports of Council meetings

p.2.106

- 18/9/1875. Excerpt from the Gardeners Chronicle regarding the Caledonian Horticultural Society

p.2.107

- 18/9/1875. Supplement to the Gardeners Chronicle illustrated article on RBGE

p.2.109

- 15/6/1877. Excerpt from The Criterion, Hull, photo and notice on James Craig Niven

p.2.111

- 22/11/1869. Cutting from The Scotsman regarding extensions at RBGE

pp.2.114-115

- Assorted Press cuttings regarding The Meadows
- RBGE rockery creation
- Professor John Hutton Balfour's lecture on *Ipecacuanha* root

- 14/3/1874. Glasgow Stock Exchange Report

p.2.116

- Cuttings regarding the best way to use the stones from the old Trinity College Church, for example to build the new rockery at RBGE, or to build another church

p.2.117

- 8/4/1869. Article by Aleck Grey about floral developments in the early Spring.
- Undated Obituary of Miss Walker of Coates and her bequests.

p.2.118-119

- 1863. Article on the Drumsheugh Rhododendron described in Miss Walker's garden.???
- 14/12/1864. Excerpt from the Scottish Farmer regarding the Rhododendron

p.2.120-121

- 1865-66. Extracts from the Scottish Farmer regarding rhododendrons

p.2.122

- Press cuttings regarding Novel Winter Flower Garden
- Miss Hope's garden at Wardie worth visiting.

p.2.123

- Article commenting on the relative scarcity of trees in the City, asking for the Council to take action especially on Middle Meadow Walk

p.2.124

- Excerpt from the Journal of Agriculture by John Adair on the Culture of Plants in Towns and Suburbs

p.2.125

- Excerpt from The Scottish Gardener- 'Hints on Planting Trees and after management' by James McNab

p.2.126

- Council Meeting regarding cutting down trees in West Princes Street Garden on James McNab's advice.
- 17/5/1865. "Our Town Trees" by James McNab from Scottish Farmer
- Statement on behalf of Commissioners of East Queen Street Garden regarding improvements (McNab was a Commissioner)
- Oct 1867. Letter from Adam Hunter regarding the raising of funds for maintenance of this garden.

p.2.127-128

- Letters to the Press regarding Mr Kemp's plans for planting shrubs and trees in the Meadows;
- Mr McIntosh's report on the Meadows;
- Scotsman extract 4/4/1874 commenting on the lengthy discussions regarding the Meadows development!
- "Our Town Trees" from the Farmer 21/8/1867 by McNab;
- Extract from the Farmer 26/3/1868 "The Royal Circus Gardens by McNab;
- "Proposed Boulevard for Edinburgh" ex The Farmer 4/12/1867 by McNab

p.2.129

- Ex Scottish Farmer 12/7/1865 "Our "Town Trees" St Andrew Square gardens" by McNab- a description. Improvement of St Andrew Square" suggestions in a letter from J Dick Peddie to the proprietors of the Square with their reactions to his ideas.
- Ex Scottish Farmer 14/6/1865 "Our Town Trees- the Meadows" article by McNab with subsequent responses 23/3/1874, 2/6/1874.
- "Our Town Trees" Queen St gardens ex Scottish Farmer 31/5/1865 by McNab a description. Also E. Princes St gardens ex Scottish Farmer 28/6/1865 by McNab- a description.
- Press cuttings ex Scotsman, Evening Courant about improvements to St Andrew Square 30/11/1866 from correspondents Rip van Winkle and Timothy Dry as Dust! A reply to them and others from McNab.
- Proposal from the Chairman, Sir W Johnston, to the Proprietors of the Square with sketch plans for the layout of the Garden.

p.2.131

- "Our Town Gardens and Trees" 1/7/1867, detailed description of New Town and South side of Edinburgh.

p.2.132

- Notice of meeting of Proprietors of St Andrew Square 21/12/1865 to discuss plans for the Square with illustrations.

p.2.133

- "Our Town Trees" extract from Scottish Farmer 2/8/1865 "The Calton Hill" article by McNab

p.2.136

- "Our Town Trees" 16/8/1865 "Royal and Regent Terrace gardens" by McNab

p.2.137

- "Our Town Trees" 30/08/1865 "Gayfield Square and Elm Row etc" by McNab

p.2.138-9

- "The Meadows" Council Reports and correspondence regarding layout c. 1874-6

p.2.140

- "Our Town Trees" 13/9/1865 "Hope and Bellevue gardens" by McNab

p.2.141

- Extract from The Farmer 3/1/1866, "The Queens Park at Edinburgh" suggestions for planting by McNab

p.2.142

- Letters to The Scotsman 12/8/1873 "Trees on Railway Embankments" by J McN. Reply from Randolph.
- Article on improvements in the Queen's Park by Cathcart.
- Further reprinted material on "Our Railway Banks and Slopes" from The Farmer Jan/ Feb 1866.
- "Riverside Gardens" reprinted in the Garden magazine Oct 1874.

p.2.143

- Extract from The Scotsman 27/12/1867 "Improvement of George Square".
- "Garden Improvements in the City" 7/10/1865 from The Scotsman?

p.2.144

- "New Dean Bridge Gardens" letter to the Press 20/2/1877.
- Article on "Snowdrops on grass lawns" by J McNab in The Farmer 21/2/1866

p.2.145

- "On Stem Pruning" article by McNab in The Gardener Oct 1867

p.2.146

- "On pruning Cedrus Deodara etc" by McNab from The Gardener Jan 1867.
- Attached letter to McNab from Peter Robertson nurseryman and seed merchant.
- Correspondence on young cedar trees from the Press and McNab.

p.2.147

- Notes on forcing certain hardy plants by McNab from The Farmer Feb 1867.
- "On cutting large evergreen shrubs, hedges etc" reprinted from The Gardener Mar 1867.

p.2.148

- Press cuttings June 1875 "Our Town Trees";
- "Transplanting in July";
- "The meadow trees and Railings";
- "Mr Neil Fraser's garden at Canonmills".

p.2.149

- "Our Town Trees, Moray Place Gardens" by McNab from The Farmer 21/8/1867

p.2.150

- “Stem Pruning” by McNab from The Gardener Oct 1867.
- “Stem Pruning on Conifers” by McNab.

p.2.152

- “Cuttings on Landscape gardening as applicable to Mansions and Suburban Residences” from The Farmer 13/11/1867.

p.2.153

- “On the growth of the roots of coniferous trees after felling” by John Webster 1871.

p.2.154

- Scotsman extract on meeting held in Freemasons hall regarding proposed widening of North College Street. 26/11/1867.
- Extract from The Farmer regarding proposed boulevard at North College Street 4/12/1867.

p.2.155

- Extract from The Scotsman regarding proposed West End park 21/4/1874 signed Mitchel and Baxter.

p.2.156

- Letter to Editor regarding Charlotte Square by McNab

p.2.159

- “The Royal Circus Gardens” by McNab from The Farmer 26/3/1868

p.2.160

- Longhand cutting regarding tree planting at Woodside House 13/4/1869 at 4.10 pm McNab et al present.
- “Article on “Sweet Scented Pond Weed” by McNab from the Garden 1/3/1873

p.2.162

- Extracts from The Scotsman regarding “Improvements at Eton Terrace” 13/3/1868.
- “Destruction of trees in Edinburgh” 21/3/1868 letter to the Editor.

p.2.163

- Etching of Bunch Grass of British Columbia with description.

p.2.164

- Two articles ex The Villa Gardener by McNab: “The Culture of hardy dwarf flowering bulbs etc” and
- “Trees and Shrubs suitable for the villa garden”.

p.2.165

- “A few remarks on Spring flowering rock plants in RBGE” by Adam White 18/4/1870

p.2.167

- “Villa Enclosures” by McNab

p.2.171

- Articles from The Villa gardener Mar 1871 by McNab: “Yuccas for Villa Gardens”.
- “Yew Trees for Villa gardens”

p.2.172

- Letter to McNab from John Cole, Victoria, Australia, making him an Honorary Member of The Horticultural Society 7/11/1872

p.2.173

- Letter to McNab from the Royal Botanical Society of London Regents Park making him an Associate member 26/1/1874. (Sowerby Secretary)

p.2.174-175

- Letter to McNab 11/8/1871 from Maxwell T Masters of Gardeners Chronicle and Agricultural Gazette regarding McNab article and etching.
- Letter of invitation to dine at the Star and Garter at Richmond 16/5/1866

p.2.177

- “Hardy Heaths as Bedding Plants” by McNab from The Garden 21/12/1872.

p.2.178-179

- “A Plea for Rock Gardens” by McNab from The Garden 16/12/1871.
- Testimonial for W. McNab dated 14/3/1844, possibly from The Scottish Gardener.

p.2.180-181

- Articles probably from The Garden regarding “Pruning Coniferous Trees and Shrubs” read before the Botanical Society of Edinburgh 11/1/1872

p.2.183

- Supplement to the Garden 29/12/1877. The twelfth Volume of the Garden is dedicated to J McNab in recognition of his long and fruitful services to Horticulture.
- Woodcut print of J McNab.

p.2.184-5

- Further Articles on pruning continued from above

p.2.188-189

- “Pruning of Coniferous trees and Shrubs” from Gardeners Gazette by D.T. Fish commenting on McNab’s practice 30/3/1872.

p.2.190-191

- Article from Gardeners Chronicle and Gazette, 6/4/1872, on Coniferous Plants from British Columbia.
- Article on “New Winter Garden for Edinburgh” with illustrations.

p.2.193

- Extracts from Gardeners Chronicle etc 13/7/1872. “Local Gossip” confusion about the precise date of the Queen’s visit.
- Article about West Church burial ground involving a Bankruptcy Court case 20/1/1874.
- Letter from Prof. Balfour proposing to ask for more funding from the Council to enlarge the Garden.
- Also a funeral invitation to McNab to attend Louis van Houtte’s obsequies 9/5/1876 in Belgium

p.2.194

- Notes by J McNab on stone ledges for rock gardens reprinted from The Garden (no date).

p.2.195

- Report by McNab on state of vegetation in RBGE during first four months of the year from 1850 to 1871.

p.2.200

- Extract from The Scotsman 29/3/1869 “The Botanic Garden extension and improvements”.

p.2.201-202

- Notes from Gardeners’ Chronicle by McNab on conifers in RBGE Jan, Feb, 1868.

p.2.205

- Report on International Show ex Gardeners Chronicle 2/6/1866

p.2.206

- Two Reports from the Botanical Society both 1872, at one of which W McNab gave a paper on “Velocity of Sap”
- Also J McNab lectured on “Pruning”.
- Letter to The Scotsman 13/12/1872 regarding destruction of trees by erection of telegraph poles.

p.2.207

- Article from The Farmer “Disfiguration of roadside trees by telegraph wires” c. Dec 1872.
- Report from the Royal Horticultural Society 1872.

p.2.208

- Balloting List for the Botanical Society 12/12/1872, McNab proposed as President.

p.2.209

- Reports on meetings of Botanical Society, McNab in the Chair.

p.2.210

- Three letters replying to McNab's lecture on destruction of trees by telegraph wires.

p.2.211

- Botanical Society Reports 37th Session 9/1/1873 including AGM and a report on it.
- Press Reports on Society matters and remarks by McNab on decaying plants in the Palm House.

p.2.212

- Article by McNab on effects by stem pruning the Neidpath Yew.
- Poem by Robert Skirving "Verses" about the year gone by 11/2/1873

p.2.213

- Reports of Botanical Society meeting 14/2/1873

p.2.214

- Reports by McNab on Open Air vegetation at RBGE, the ipecacuan plants and their transmission to India.

p.2.215

- "On the colour of certain species of Cupressineae" by McNab at March Meeting of Botanical Society;
- Minutes of April Meeting 10/4/1873

p.2.216

- Article on *Juncus Effusus* first read 1871 at British Association now read by McNab at Botanical Society April 1873;
- June meeting McNab on the "Swollen stemmed Irish Yew".

p.2.217

- Report on Open Air vegetation at RBGE 1873 by McNab.

p.2.218

- Report on Council meeting and Botanical Society Meeting 12/6/1873

p.2.219-221

- “On the retubbing of palms and other exotic trees” by McNab read at June Meeting of the Society.

p.2.222

- Reports of Society monthly meetings 10/7/1873 with notes on Open Air vegetation by McNab;
- “The Propagator” by McNab from The Garden 26/7/1873.

p.2.223

- Minute of Council of Caledonian Horticultural Society regarding possible merger of their garden with RBGE – no date.
- Report of the last Show of the Horticultural Society and implied merger with RBGE and a reference to a Government grant of £500 to the extended Garden.

p.2.224

- Press extract regarding proposed merger of the Caledonian Hort. Society and the Edinburgh Hort. Society;
- Meeting of Edinburgh Botanical society McNab reporting on Open Air vegetation in RBGE.

p.2.225

- “Remarks on Seedling Conifers” by McNab to Botanical Society.

p.2.226

- “The Mysterious Document, alias the Nursery and Seedsman’s Kalendar for August” (Genuine or Spoof?)

p.2.228

- Article recommending that Professor Pillans, Chair of Humanity at Edinburgh Univ. should resign because of his longevity. No source quoted.

p.2.229

- Extract from The Courant 22/5/1862 regarding “The Meadows” and development.

p.2.232-233

- Extract from Caledonian Mercury 27/1/1866 “Edinburgh School of Art Distribution of Prizes”

p.2.234-235

- The International Hort. Exhibition May 1866 London with Key Plate to the photograph of the Committee.

p.2.235

- Report on Botanical Society Meeting 14/11/1873, including an article on Scotland’s changing climate.

p.2.238-239

- Press cuttings on climate changes 27/11/1873 and 28/2/1874.

p.2.240-241

- Consequences of climate change on flora, extracts from The Scotsman Dec. 1873

p.2.242

- Article reprinted from The Garden "Old Trees at Hampton Court" by Mc Nab.

p.2.243

- Reports of three meetings of the Botanical Society Jan-Feb 1874 regarding Late Dr Lindsay Stewart and Botany of India.

p.2.244

- Extract from Gardeners Chronicle 10/1/1874 regarding Climate Changes, "Effects of Climate during the last half century" booklet by McNab.

p.2.245

- Further extracts on Climate Change.

p.2.246

- Extract. Also a handwritten letter on Change of Climate in Scotland by C W Strickland.

p.2.247

- Reports of Botanical Society Meetings, later 1874, Clydesdale Orchards, Carse of Gowrie and fruit production.

p.2.248

- Report of Botanical Society and Extracts Gardeners Chronicle regarding McNab's Report on Open Air Vegetation at RBGE May 1874.
- Booklet "Propagation of Ipecacuan Plant" by McNab.

p.2.249

- Press cuttings with articles regarding Stealing from Gardens 1873-75

p.2.250-251

- Effects of Climate Change in the Carse of Gowrie, and other estates throughout Scotland, on fruit production by McNab

p.2.252

- Extracts from Pall Mall Gazette and Chamber Journal regarding Mysterious Changes in Climate resulting in premature appearance of blossom since Disraeli's accession to power!!!

p.2.253

- Letter from Brinsley Marlay regarding “Climate Changes in Ireland” April 1874

p.2.254

- Extracts from Gardeners Chronicle 1874 regarding Climate Changes affecting fruit production particularly after the Golden Age of sunshine and warmth 1810-1837. Some criticism of McNab’s evidence suggesting that other factors such as overcropping at work in accounting for decline in production.

p.2.255

- Extract Gardeners Chronicle 25/4/1874 “New Plant *Chysis chelsoni*”;
- Article on History of Royal Botanical garden, Madagascar;
- Continuation from p.2.514 of fruit production affected by Climate Change.

p.2.256-257

- Temperature Comparison Charts for three periods of 12 years of the 7 growing months of the year, prepared from the Chiswick Tables.

p.2.258-259

- Extract Gardeners Chronicle on “Weather Lore” 26/6/1874.
- Pamphlet by The Squire’s Gardener on Climate Change.
- Article on Elms showing peculiarities in growth.
- Continuation of article on effects of Climate Change on fruit production.
- Poem headed Verses by I A Henry, submitted to members of Botanical Club, at Easter Duddingston Lodge 3/7/1874

p.2.259

- Ex Scotsman 27/8/1874 article on Change of Climate in Scotland with comments on McNab’s findings.

p.2.260

- Ex The Farmer 7/9/1874 regarding Climate Change

p.2.261

- Extract Edinburgh Courant 9/4/1875 regarding Climate Change, commenting on the arrival of colder winters and hotter summers. Comparing Mr Buchan’s statistics with McNab’s.

p.2.262

- Reprinted from The Garden “The Crimson- anthered lily” by McNab.

p.2.264-265

- Ex Gardeners Chronicle 19/12/1874 illustrated article on *Sabal umbraculifera* in palm stove at RBGE by McNab.

p.2.266-267

- Design for a Stadium at Champs des Mars by Prevost 14/9/ 1867,
- Letters to Press regarding Town Gardens e.g. Charlotte Sq., Buckingham Terrace and Learmonth Park.

p.2.268

- Letter from McNab to The Scotsman regarding The West Church Burial Ground.

p.2.269

- Advert for the sale of Damside and Factor's Park;
- report of a "remarkable dinner" viz a Fish Banquet of the American fish Assoc. Philadelphia with menu.
- Small cutting regarding the North British & Mercantile Insurance Co.

p.2.271

- Report on late James Backhouse and his funeral. He and brother were nurserymen.

p.2.275

- Report on Open Air vegetation by McNab read to Botanical Society no date.

p.2.276

- Ex Gardeners Chronicle "Trees recently struck by lightning" a paper by McNab.
- Article on Open Air Vegetation by McNab

p.2.277

- Ex The Scotsman Dec 1875 regarding Special meeting of Edinburgh Town Council to consider The Edinburgh Improvement Bill 1876.

p.2.278

- Article reprinted from The Garden, "Planting to produce landscape Effects" by McNab

p.2.282

- Article reprinted from The Garden "Hardy Ericaceous Plants" by McNab. Duplicate on p.2.283.

p.2.284

- Ex The Garden "Indian Garland Flower";
- "A New method of arranging Plants" both by Mc Nab.
- Letter to McNab from Wm Robinson apologising for printing his paper before he ought!

p.2.285

- Article reprinted from The Garden, "Tree management in and near Towns" by McNab.

p.2.286

- Ex The Garden "Planting Hillside Approaches by McNab"

p.2.287-290

- Ex The Garden: "Pollarding trees in small gardens";
- "Transplanting Hollies";
- "On Pruning the Redwood";
- "Ivy clad trees";
- "Deciduous Trees in Winter" all by McNab

p.2.292

- Notices from Microscopic Society of Edinburgh Session 1865-66.

p.2.293-P302

- Minutes of Botanical Society Meetings:- 9/3/1865;
- 12/4/1866 (papers on insect damage to trees);
- 8/3/1866 (Report of an 1865 botanical tour of the USA);
- 9/2/1866;
- 9/6/1866 (Report of the funeral of Dr Greville in Dean Cemetery);
- 23/5/1866;
- 30/7/1866 (receipt of small case of plants from Dr Muller Melbourne all surviving the voyage of 105 days in charge of Dr H Madden);
- Reprint from The Farmer 16/1/1867 regarding Glumaceae by W Lauder Lindsay from Otago, NZ 27/2/1867;
- 20 and 27/2/1867 (death of George Ure Skinner of Guatemala eulogy by Prof. Balfour)
- 17/4/67 5th Society meeting McNab reporting on Open Air Vegetation.
- Extract from Gardeners Chronicle regarding dates of plant flowering and temperature comparisons.
- Session XXX1 of Botanical Society, Isaac Anderson-Henry, Chairman, reporting on Hybridisation of plants;
- repeated in The Farmer 11/12/67.

p.2.303

- Extract from The Garden 30/8/73 regarding French tamarisk tree by McNab.

p.2.304-305

- Extract from The Garden 23/8/73 regarding McNab's Transplanting Machine

p.2.306

- Extract from The Garden November 1873 by McNab regarding Rock Garden owned by Charles Jenner at Easter Duddingston Lodge.
- Letter from Jenner to McNab.

p.2.307

- Notes on Landscape Gardening by McNab ex The Garden no date.

p.2.308

- The Arboretum- article by McNab on *Cotoneaster microphylla* with illustrations
- Letter to McNab from William Robinson of The Garden office Covent Garden.

p.2.309

- Ex The Garden "The vast culture of Ivy" by McNab. No date.

p.2.310-311

- Ex The Garden "A Ramble in Arran" by McNab. No date

p.2.312

- Ex The Garden "Planting to produce landscape effects " by McNab.

p.2.313

- Press extract regarding feud in the Botanical Society about the Chairmanship.

p.2.314-315

- Ex The Garden "Arboricultural Notes from Perth" by McNab.

p.2.316

- Article by McNab "The Lochwood Oaks in Annandale".

p.2.317

- Ex The Garden "Culture of the "American Dogs-tooth Violet" by McNab

p.2.318- p.2.319

- Ex The Farmer " Pruning Coniferous Trees and Shrubs" by McNab 22&29/1/1872

p.2.321

- Botanical Society Meeting 11/1/1872 lecture and discussion on methods of pruning led by James McNab.

p.2.322

- Ex The Scotsman 16/9/1865 regarding review of enhancement of Edinburgh's appearance over the past 60 years e.g. East Princes St. Gardens, Calton Hill etc.

p.2.323

- “Projected improvements on the Meadows” report by the Sub Committee of the Streets and Buildings Committee of the Town Council 7/9/1864

p.2.324

- Report of Botanical Soc.Meeting 9/12/? 34th Session. Also report on 36th Session reprinted from The Farmer regarding “Collections of John Jeffrey and Robert Brown from British Columbia”.

p.2.325

- Letters to the Editor regarding “Edinburgh as a City of Refuge”.

p.2.326

- Report of Botanical Soc. Meeting 8/2/1877 “Open Air Vegetation” by McNab.

p.2.329

- Press Reports regarding “Civil Service Estimates” for 1868 regarding funding for RBGE.

p.2.331

- letter regarding improvements in Stirling where the Council has asked for James McNab’s help with planning new developments, 23/10/1867

p.2.332

- Ex The Garden “Open Air Vegetation at RBGE” by James McNab 24/4/1875.

p.2.333

- Ex The Garden 8/4/1875 “A Rock Garden on May Day” by James McNab.
- “Seashore Plants in Fifeshire” 1/7/1876 by James McNab.

p.2.334

- Ex The Garden “Spring flowering plants” by James McNab April 1875

p.2.335

- Ex The Garden “Rock Garden at Easter Duddingston Lodge” by James McNab.
- “Narrow leafed Candytuft” by James McNab 11/11/1876.

p.2.336

- Botanical Soc. Meeting “Open Air Vegetation in the month of May” report by James McNab.
- Ex The Garden “A Garden of Saxifrages” by James McNab 18/7/1876

p.2.337

- Ex The Garden “Garden Vegetation in May” by James McNab 5/1875

p.2.338

- Ex The Garden “Rock Garden at Fettes Mount Lasswade” by James McNab.
- “Trees struck by lightning” by James McNab 8/7/1875.
- Letter from George Jarrow? Gardener at Dumcreif, Moffat regarding trees struck by lightning.

p.2.339

- Ex The Garden “Garden vegetation in June” by James McNab.
- Ex gardeners Chronicle 30/12/1876 “Scarcity of Holly berries” and replies to James McNab’s views.

p.2.340

- Garden Party at RBGE hosted by The Principal and *Senatus Academicus* of the University.

p.2.341- p.2.344

- Garden Vegetation in July, August, Sept. November and December 1875 all articles by James McNab ex The Garden.

p.2.345

- Letter from G A Hamilton, First Commissioner of Works, to RBGE dealing with matters financial-salaries etc.

p.2.346

- Press Cuttings regarding “The trees in West Princes St Gardens” April 1877.

p.2.347

- Ex Garden April 1876 “Notes on Pruning certain evergreens” by James McNab.

p.2.348

- Ex Garden “Failure of Colchicums etc through deep rooting” by James McNab.
- First List of Subscribers to the Veitch Memorial.

p.2.349

- Ex Garden “Transplanting deciduous trees in full leaf” by James McNab.

p.2.350

- “Bearing of meteorological records on the supposed change of climate in Scotland” by James McNab and Buchan

p.2.351

- Botanical Society Meeting November 1875 and January 1876

p.2.352

- “Garden Vegetation in January 1876” by James McNab reprinted from The Garden.
- Report on January weather and flowering plants by James McNab.

p.2.353

- “Garden Vegetation in February” by James McNab.
- James McNab’s Report for March.

p.2.354 and p.2.355

- James McNab’s Reports for April, May and June 1876 on same topic [Garden Vegetation].

p.2.356

- Three articles reprinted from The Garden by McNab Autumn 1876:
- “Holly in flower at Christmas”;
- “Effects of the late moist Autumn on early Rhododendrons”;
- “Effect of the Winter on Vegetation”.

p.2.357

- “Vegetation in February” reprinted from The Garden 1877.
- Botanical Society Reports March and April 1877.

p.2.358 and p.2.359

- “Notes on open air vegetation in Edinburgh” by James McNab March and April 1877.

p.2.360

- Press reports on Town Council Meetings regarding improvements in the West Port area, and a proposal to acquire all the land of Inverleith situated to the west of the Botanical garden to form an Arboretum.

p.2.361 and p.2.362

- Letters to The Scotsman regarding the Arboretum proposal.

p.2.363

- Botanical Reports 1876

p.2.364

- Article by James McNab on “The crimson anthered lily” in The Garden.

p.2.365

- Article by James McNab reprinted from The Garden “Hints for amateur landscape gardeners” September 1876.

p.2.366 and p.2.367

- Selection of letters on the Arboretum proposal.

p.2.368

- Report to the Botanical Society April 1877 of an article by Mr Buchan Secretary of the Meteorological Society on “Low night temperatures”

p.2.369

- Two Reports to the Botanical Society by James McNab:
- “Open air vegetation for May”
- “The fruiting of Holly”.

p.2.370

- “Birds and Berries” by James McNab reprinted from The Garden.

p.2.371

- Botanical Society Report June 1877. “Notes on garden vegetation for June” by James McNab reprinted from The Garden.

p.2.372

- “Notes on outdoor plants from Edinburgh” by James McNab reprinted from The Garden September and December 1877.

p.2.373

- Duplicate of p.2.370

p.2.374

- “Notes on Vegetation to January 31st 1878” by James McNab read to the Botanical Society.

p.2.375 and p.2.376

- Reports on “Open air vegetation” by James McNab reprinted from The Garden April and May 1878.

p.2.377

- Copy of AGM of Royal Botanic Institution of Glasgow 16th December 1866.

p.2.378

- “Stone ledges for rock gardens” by James McNab reprinted from The Garden.
- Photograph of Tree Ferns, Great Hill, Penang.

p.2.379

- Report of Botanical Society meeting July 1878.

p.2.380

- “Open air vegetation in June” by James McNab reprinted from The Garden.

p.2.381

- “Effects of recent sunless summers” report to the Botanical Society December 1877 by James McNab.

p.2.383

- Illustration of the Common Everlasting Pea

p.2.385

- Report of the AGM of Botanical Institution of Glasgow 9th December 1867.

p.2.387

- Obituary of Mr Matheson of HM Board of Works February 1877.

p.2.388

- Handwritten letter from Robert Fowler to James McNab March 1875 regarding effects of climate on fruit trees.

p.2.390-391

- Handwritten letter from M Baxter, Riccarton, to James McNab March 1875 regarding effect of bad weather on peaches and other fruits.

p.2.393

- Copy of the “Botanical Excursion” a new song dedicated to Professor Balfour by a student, later Professor John Stuart Blackie.

p.2.394

- Press report on the Lord Provost’s Committee discussing the proposed Arboretum and the consequent funding thereof.

p.2.395

- Press report on the death by suicide of the Lord Justice Clerk, Lord Patton, drowned in the River Almond, September 1869.

p.2.397

- Engraving of the Greenhouse Department of Rosedale Nursery Philadelphia.

p.2.399

- Engraving of a plan of Edinburgh for the GPO Directory by Lizars circa 1875.

p.2.403

- Illustrated menu 5th November 1878 for the Arboricultural Society at Edinburgh.

p.2.405

- Illustrated menu in Latin 9th October 1878 for the Cryptogamic Society of Scotland at Edinburgh.

p.2.407

- Copy of a Report on Adam White's visit to Wombwell Menagerie January 5th 1866 written as a letter to the Courant entitled "A Practical lesson Natural History"

p.2.408

- Notice of lectures by Adam White on Natural History.

p.2.409

- Article reprinted from The Farmer 4th April 1866 "A Naturalist's Ramble in a Picture Gallery" by Adam White.

p.2.410- p.2.419

- Series of Articles by Adam White on Natural History written for the Edinburgh Courant, March-July 1866.

p.2.421- p.2.423

- Reports by Adam White on the International Horticultural Exhibition in London 21st May 1866.

p.2.425

- "Flower Shows for the Poor and the Rich" by Adam White May 1866 given at a Dinner.

p.2.427

- Extract from the Edinburgh Courant 9th June 1866 regarding the funeral of Dr. Greville.

p.2.428

- Extract from The Gardeners Chronicle 23rd November 1878 regarding the death of James McNab, with an engraving of McNab on P429.

p.2.430- p.2.445

- Index of the late James McNab's written articles compiled post mortem.

p.2.447

- "Notes on the Herbarium" no author or date, with opposite on p.2.446 some random notes on brown paper.

p.2.451

- Sketches and cartoons by Edmund, surname illegible, when a pupil at the Botanical College.

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- Proposal for erecting a monument to the late William McNab by an Interim Committee chaired by Professor Balfour.

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- Report on the William McNab Presentation Dinner in the Café Royal chaired by Professor Traill. No Date.

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