

Records of Lewis Society of Detroit	
<i>Dates of creation:</i>	1919-1972
<i>Level of description:</i>	Fonds
<i>Extent:</i>	9 volumes;1 item; 0.27 metres
<i>Creator:</i>	Lewis Society of Detroit 1919-1972
<i>Administrative / Biographical History:</i>	<p>The Lewis Society of Detroit, USA, was founded in approximately 1919 to enable those with connections with the Isle of Lewis, Scotland, who were living in Detroit to meet together for social events and to “foster and preserve the language, traditions, customs and amusements of the people.” There had been meetings of the Society before 1919. There is a subscription log book dated 1919 but no minute book for meetings before 1923. The Society met once a month, sometimes at their respective homes or in town halls etc. They elected a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary to deal with Society business. They also elected a piper(s) and bard to provide entertainment through poetry and piping at their functions and gatherings.</p> <p>Members were expected to pay a subscription to the Society of \$1.</p> <p>A committee organised an annual picnic which was held which included races and competitions for children.</p> <p>An entertainment committee was established within the Society which dealt with organising social and entertainment events. Food and drink were provided at these events and a raffle was often held. Movie nights and picture nights were also organised.</p> <p>There had been meetings of the Society before 1919. There is a subscription log book dated 1919 but no minute book for meetings before 1923.</p> <p>The Society appears to have corresponded with other Lewis and Harris Associations. Evidence of correspondence with the Glasgow group is noted at a meeting of the Society. At the last noted meeting, March 1972, it is stated that meetings were to be suspended until</p>

	October 1972. It appears that the society was wound up at this time.
<i>Scope & Content:</i>	Constitution Booklet 1941; Minute Books 1923–1972; Subscription Record 1919–1965; Accounts/CashBook/ 1927-1972; Journal 1927–1955; Annual Picnic Book 1957–1966; Entertainment Committee Minute Book 1950–1960
<i>System of arrangement:</i>	Arranged within series. Within series, records are arranged chronologically.
<i>Conditions covering access:</i>	Open
<i>Conditions governing reproduction:</i>	Reproduction requests are subject to preservation requirements.
<i>Language of material:</i>	English
Physical characteristics:	Paper records, constitution booklet
Finding aids:	Digital file level list available in the searchroom
Related units of description:	There are no related collections held
Publication note:	There are no known publication using this material
<i>Archival history:</i>	Previously held in Detroit but brought back to Lewis by local journalist after visiting the city as part of radio programme
<i>Immediate source of acquisition:</i>	Acquired by the library in April 2007 after a local journalist and some islanders made a journey to Detroit to trace ancestors.
<i>Appraisal:</i>	The records have not been appraised
<i>Accruals:</i>	None expected
Notes:	None

Archivist's notes:	Catalogue and collection level description completed by Donna Morrison, Archives Assistant (Graduate Trainee) 20/09/2010. Catalogued according to ISAD(G) (2000) and NCA Rules (1998).
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GD2/1 CONSTITUTION

GD2/1/1	Constitution and By-Laws Booklet	1941	1 item
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GD2/2 MINUTE BOOKS

GD2/2/1	Minute Book	1923–1936	1 volume
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GD2/2/2	Minute Book	1936–1954	1 volume
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GD2/2/3	Minute Book	1954–1972	1 volume
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GD2/3 SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS

GD2/3/1	Subscription Book	1919–1945	1 volume
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GD2/3/2	Subscription Book	1946–1957	1 volume
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GD2/3/3	Subscription Book	1958–1965	1 volume
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GD2/4 FINANCE

GD2/4/1	Accounts/Cash Book and Journal	1927–1972 1927-1955	1 volume
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GD2/5 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

GD2/5/1	Entertainment Committee Minute Book	1950–1960	1 volume
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GD2/6 PICNIC COMMITTEE

GD2/6/1	Annual picnic log book (containing entries regarding monies)	1957–1966	1 volume
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