

# AK Bell Library - Local and Family History

## Special Collections

A number of special collections have been donated to the library service over the years and are now housed in the Local & Family History Department. The following three are especially interesting.

### The Atholl Collection

Consisting of around 600 books and manuscripts of Scottish music, some from the seventeenth century, this has been described as one of the most important collections of its kind in existence. A card index to the tunes has been compiled by a volunteer and this is currently being transferred to an Access database.

### The Mackintosh Collection

This library was donated to the Sandeman Library in 1933. It had been the personal library of the Reverend Donald Mackintosh before he left it to the city of Dunkeld to be used as a public library. It contains many theological texts as well as histories, geographies and poetry. Many of the titles have been added to a British Library Database called the [English Short Title Catalogue](#).

### Perth and Kinross Sound Archive

This collection was put together in the mid-1980s. It consists of many hours of recorded interviews with field workers and elderly residents of rural Perthshire. Some of the interviews have been transcribed. The interviewees give first-hand accounts of a lost way of life. Topics include farming, fishing and many other aspects of rural life. The archive also includes several hundred photographs.