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## **Handlist of Sheila McGregor Collection at Shetland Museum and Archives**

### **I. Research documents TEX 2014.363**

- a. Knitting History, General and Shetland. Typed and hand-written notes from published sources about knitting history from earliest evidence. Main focus is on Shetland and Fair Isle. Includes drafts of history chapters for Fair Isle book. Also includes non-knitting techniques, such as *nålbinding*, taatit rugs, etc.
- b. Scottish knitting, various. A collection of photographs, patterns and historical information related to Scottish knitting, including ganseys, Sanquhar and Dent (Yorkshire) knitting, kilt hose, and bonnets.
- c. Scottish-English patterned knitting. A collection of photographs, patterns, and historical information related to the patterned knitting of Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire and Dent, Yorkshire.
- d. Victoria and Albert Museum Collection. Historical information, photographs of knitting from the V&A collection dating from late medieval to 19<sup>th</sup> century, including Shetland lace.
- e. Scandinavian knitting. Historical information about the history and design of Scandinavian knitting, including motifs related to Shetland knitting.
- f. Bibliographical lists; comprises hand- and typewritten lists of books and articles as well as photocopies of bibliographies from published works, especially Scandinavian. Covers knitting history, as well as flora, folklore, Shetland and Scandinavian history and culture. Applies to all three McGregor titles. Includes a photocopy of Elsa Guðjónsson's *Bibliography of Icelandic Historic Textiles and Costumes*, 1977.

### **II. Images TEX 2014.361**

- a. Photographs and slides of Shetland knitwear, knitters and wearers from research in Shetland 1975-1976, Royal Highland Show 1974, collections at National Museums Scotland, Victoria and Albert Museum London, and private collections.

b. Photographs and slides of Scandinavian knitwear.

**III. Correspondence TEX 2014.364**

a. Correspondence relating to photographic permissions and reproduction, 1978-1980; 74 items. Includes correspondence from and to Shetland Islands Council, Shetland Museum, National Museum of Antiquities (Edinburgh), Jocelyn Hay Associates, Dennis Coutts, T.M.Y. Manson, National Library of Scotland.

b. General correspondence, including letters from Richard Rutt.

**IV. Yarn Shade Cards TEX 2014.365**

Undated unless noted; some cards annotated with design notes by SMcG.

a. Álafoss, Ltd., Reykjavík, Iceland – Lopi in natural colours

b. Dale, Dalekvam, Norway (1981) – Dale ull, Daletta, Heilo, Jubiletta, Dale Jubilé, Dale Vamse, Dale Naturgarn

c. Haandarbejdets Fremme, Denmark – from Strikkatalog nr. 13: H.F. Utvundet Vikinge Uld, H.F. Spindegarn.

d. Hunter of Brora (1974-1975) – Real Shetland 2-ply jumper yarn, 3-ply Knitting Yarn, Embo Knitting Yarn 3-Ply.

e. Jamieson & Smith – 2 Ply Lace Weight, 2 Ply Jumper Weight, 2 Ply Soft Spun, 3 Ply Yarns, Embo 3 Ply Yarns

f. Rauma – Strikkegarn (3 ply)

g. Dyed in the Wool (Cumbria) – colours for various yarns including 3-ply, 4-ply, DK, Aran, Cotton, Mohair and Chunky.

h. Rowan – DK, 4-ply tapestry, Stranded Persian.

**V. Shetland Knitwear Trades Association promotional material, 1989 TEX 2014.366**

Includes: cover letter by Shona Johnson of SKTA; List of SKTA members and contact details as of 25 Sept. 1989; Promotional material by SKTA members: Anderson & Co., Shetlands from Shetland (M. Stuart), Shetland Workshop Gallery (H. Hughson), Jamieson's Knitwear (P. Jamieson), Victoria Gibson, Norman Tulloch, Shetland Designer (W. Malcolmson), Laurence J. Smith Ltd., Shetland Knitcraft (J. Leask), T. M. Adie and Sons, Margaret Peterson, Doreen Brown, Cottage Knits, Louise Joffre, Kloo Knit, Shalder Knitwear, Barbara Isbister, and Peerie Patterns.

**VI. Shetland Knitting pattern graphs TEX 2014.362**

- a. Stencilled Sheets of F/I Patterns, made and sold in Lerwick from 1927 to 1933 by Bobby Jamieson. In two-ring binder; many annotations in various hand writing, especially to mark number of rows ('geengs') per motif.
- b. Spiral-bound graph notebook with Shetland patterns (mainly allover or Norwegian-inspired) in black dots on white. Labelled 'Shetland Gansies 1975'.
- c. Photographs of fair isle garments and their corresponding charts of motifs; original charts.
- d. Original artwork used in Complete Book of FI Knitting. Mainly motif charts.
- e. Artwork not used in Complete Book of FI Knitting. Mainly motif charts.

## **VII. Knitting patterns TEX 2014.367**

- a. Teddy Bear clothes in fair isle, Woman's Weekly, Dec. 1950. Includes tissue pattern pieces for Teddy Bear pyjamas, notes for a Teddy Jersey by S.McG
- b. Knitted lace patterns; n.d.; 28 items; includes published and hand-written patterns for knitted lace motifs and garments.

## **VIII. Unpublished manuscripts TEX 2014.368**

- a. 'Scottish knitting'; undated, but probably 1985; 26 pages, typewritten, with hand-written edits, and one unnumbered page of drawings between pages 4 and 5; includes sections: Outline [1 pg., Introduction [3 pgs.], [Definitions, with drawings, 2 pgs.], Scotland and Knitting [20 pgs., with main focus on Shetland first 12 pgs.]. All pages are typewritten on the back of a notice 'Looking for Staff?' for Emplus Employment Service, of which author was Principal.
- b. 'The Origins of Fair Isle Knitting Patterns', 7 pages., typewritten. Draft for Textile History article, not published.
- c. The Origins of Fair Isle Knitting', 16 pages, incomplete. Typewritten. Draft. Much of text is included in re-written form in The Complete Book of Traditional Fair Isle Knitting. Ms. may be early draft for that publication.
- d. Original typescript of The Complete Book of Fair Isle Knitting, c160 pages, approximately 38,000 words. The final publication was edited from this version, since the publisher Batsford only allowed for 10,000 words. Includes expanded versions of published chapters, and appendices on dye plants.

## IX. Published Works on Knitting TEX 2014.360

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*Scottish Crafts* [n.d.]. Scottish Women's Rural Institutes, Handicrafts Committee of the Central Council. Aberdeen: Northern Publishers. Folder of 24 b&w plates depicting examples of various Scottish crafts, including Shetland lace (no.7), fair isle and openwork knitting (no.9).

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van der Klift-Tellegen, Henriette. 1985. *Knitting from the Netherlands: traditional Dutch Fishermen's Sweaters*. Asheville: Lark.

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