

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Archives
GB235 FOA
Adam Forman Sphagnum Collection
1916—1918
1 box

Scope and content

The collection comprises photographs and reports related to the gathering and preparation of *Sphagnum* moss, in and around the Moffat/Beattock area, S.W. Scotland, which was used as a medical dressing for wounds. See also *Sphagnum* Moss collection for related material, including photocopies of reports on gathering areas, a memo by Rev Adam Forman, and a report by W.W. Smith.

For information on the Forman family, including a family tree, see Denis Forman, *Son of Adam* (London: Andre Deutsch, 1990).

Acquisition: Dr Adam Forman (grandson of Rev. Adam Forman), 8 October 2018.

The collection was categorised and arranged as follows:

GB235 FOA/1 Photographs

GB235 FOA/2 Forman's Reports

GB235 FOA/3 Later Additions (photocopied reports, articles, poem)

FOA/1 **Photographs**

FOA/1/1 Album: 'Moss Photographs', photograph album, 92 b&w photos depicting the gathering and preparation of Sphagnum moss, many taken outside of Craigielslands, home of the Forman family.

FOA/1/2 Loose photographs, mainly Duplicates from 'Moss Photographs,' approx. 70 b&w photos

FOA/2 **Forman's Reports**

FOA/2/1 "Memo re Gathering" by Rev A. Forman, Craigielslands, Beattock, June 1918, carbon copy, 6 pp.

FOA/2/2 Reports on 12 gathering areas, carbon copy with ms. Annotations

FOA/3 **Later Additions**

FOA/3/1 Report on Sphagnum Areas, W.W. Smith, RBGE, 1916, photocopy.

FOA/3/2 Prof. George E. Nichols, "Sphagnum Moss: War Substitute for Cotton in Absorbent Surgical Dressings," pp. 221–235, Annual Report Smithsonian Institution, 1918, photocopy.

FOA/3/3 "Sphagnum Moss," poem by A.M.S.

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