

## GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFDY MORGANNWG

**Reference code:** GB 0214 DMCT

**Title:** MCTAGGART SHORT PAPERS

**Dates :** 1896-1980

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.6 cubic metres (52 vols, 14 loose photographic prints, 1 bdle)

**Name of creator(s):** Arthur McTaggart Short

### **Administrative/biographical history**

Arthur McTaggart Short, born Arthur Short, at Bideford, co Devon, 1896 was fifth son of Captn. J.E. McTaggart Short, master mariner. Arthur changed his surname in 1939 to McTaggart Short. Arthur spent his early years in Bideford, moving to Swansea in 1915 and soon afterwards to Kenwith, Claude Place, Cardiff, later to Queen Anne Square, Cathays Park, Cardiff 1945, and Moy Road before 1970; in 1980 he resided at Lake Road East, Cardiff. McTaggart Short initially entered the drapery trade but gradually extended his business interests into ownership of shops and other commercial organisations including the Cardiff Arcade Co. He was a prominent member of the Cardiff business community, serving as president of the Chamber of Trade 1949, and with various committees and organisations. McTaggart Short took a keen interest in the Boy Scout movement rising to the position of Organising Secretary of the Cardiff County Boys Scouts Association for Wales. He was an active participant in further education as a lecturer and in the University College, Cardiff; in a number of political organisations including the Conservative Party; the Rotary Club; miscellaneous bodies and societies concerned with international affairs; the Church-in-Wales; theatre; the Masons; sports; and charities. McTaggart Short was a bachelor and died in 1983. He bore a number of formal addresses and qualifications including Chevalier of Danneborg, Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, Fellow of the FRSA, and Fellow of the Royal Society of Geographers.

### **Archival history**

#### **Immediate source of acquisition**

private source

#### **Scope and content**

Personal memorabilia and photographs

#### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained.

#### **Accruals**

Accruals are not expected

**System of arrangement****Conditions governing access**

Items containing information on named individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy

**Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

**Language/scripts of material**

English; a small number of items in Welsh, German, Italian, and Magyar.

**Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Fair to poor condition

**Finding aids**

Detailed list available.

**Existence and location of originals****Existence and location of copies****Related units of description****Publication note****Note**

A number of the log-books/scrapbooks are missing. Most of the records were deposited in the Glamorgan Record Office; DMTC/4-6 were deposited in 1980.

**Archivist's note**

Compiled by Richard Morgan for the Glamorgan Record Office

**Rules or conventions**

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

**Date of description**

June 2006

**Scrapbooks**

Arthur McTaggart Short described the following as log-books or diaries but they consist of a miscellany of photographs, personal memorabilia relating to his family, activities in the scouts, and numerous other interests including politics, theatre and miscellaneous official and non-official bodies and societies. There is an increasing bias in later scrapbooks towards non-family matters. A resumé or 'curriculum vitae' of his personal activities and career is contained below (DMTC/6/1).

DMTC/1/1	'Log book or diary' containing family and other personal photographs, memorabilia relating to McTaggart Short's activities with the scouts, national events and celebrations, Bideford Women's Liberal Association, wartime memorabilia, and his training as a draper.	1896-1915
DMCT/1/2	Same, with Star Street Congregational church, Cardiff	1915-1919
DMCT/1/3	Same, with birthday cards, and his leadership of Star Street Scouts Troop	1920
DMCT/1/4	Same	1921
DMCT/1/5	Same	1922
DMCT/1/6	Same	1923
DMCT/1/7	Same	1924
DMCT/1/8	Same, with holidays	1925
DMCT/1/9	Same	1926
DMCT/1/10	Same	1927
DMCT/1/11	Same	1928
DMCT/1/12	Same	1929
DMCT/1/13	Same	1930
DMCT/1/14	Same	1931
DMCT/1/15	Same	1932
DMCT/1/16	Same	1933
DMCT/1/17	Same	1934
DMCT/1/18	Same	1935
DMCT/1/19	Same, with Masons International Peace Congress	1936
DMCT/1/20	Same, with Cardiff Rotary Club	1937
DMCT/1/21	Same	1938
DMCT/1/22	Same	1939
DMCT/1/23	Same, with leaflet dropped by Germans containing Hitler's last appeal to reason	1940-1941
DMCT/1/24	Same, as DMTC	1942-1943
DMCT/1/25	Same, with Cardiff Conservative Party	1944-1945
DMCT/1/26	Same	1941-1946
DMCT/1/27	Same	1947
DMCT/1/28	Same	1948
DMCT/1/29	Same	1949

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DMCT/1/30	Same	1950
DMCT/1/31	Same	1951
DMCT/1/32	Same	1952
DMCT/1/33	Same	1953
DMCT/1/34	Same	1954
DMCT/1/35	Same	1955
DMCT/1/36	Same	1956
DMCT/1/37	Same	1957
DMCT/1/38	'Log-book': not deposited	(1958)
DMCT/1/39	'Log-book': not deposited	(1959)
DMCT/1/40	'Log-book': not deposited	(1960)
DMCT/1/41	'Log-book': not deposited	(1961)
DMCT/1/42	'Log-book': not deposited	(1962)
DMCT/1/43	'Log-book'	1963
DMCT/1/44	Same	1964
DMCT/1/45	'Log-book': not deposited	(1965)
DMCT/1/46	'Log-book'	1966
DMCT/1/47	Same	1967
DMCT/1/48	Same	1968
DMCT/1/49	Same	1969
DMCT/1/50	Same	1970
DMCT/1/51	Same	1971
DMCT/1/52	Same	1972
DMCT/1/53	Same	1973
DMCT/1/54	Same	1974
DMCT/1/55	Same	1975
	[50 vols., several lacking boards]	
DMCT/2	Cuttings and other papers including World Friendship Association [1 bdle]	1960-1962
DMCT/3	Cuttings including papers for the Rotary Club and other papers including World Friendship Association [1 bdle]	1970
DMCT/4	11 photographs of McTaggart Short in scout uniform and 2 photographs from 'Steffani' and 'Lis' of the 16 Singing Scholars [13 photographic prints]	1935
DMCT/5	Photograph of Richmond Collegiate School class [1 mounted photographic print]	Christmas 1930

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DMCT/6/1-7	Curriculum vitae of McTaggart Short; notes by him on the scout movement in Wales 1970; programme booklet to Harrogate International Youth Bands Festival 1975 and 1976; programme to Shrewsbury International Youth Music Festival 1980; and programme to Twenty-Second London International Youth Science Fortnight 1980 [1 bdle]	1970, 1975, 1976, 1980
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