

Appendix H

Changes to History Classifications

History classifications have been reviewed and reorganised. Database classifications currently reflect previously held curatorial classifications. Below is a guide to how these classifications relate to current curatorial divisions:

Personal and domestic life

Those items used by individuals and small social networks (family or otherwise). For example, domestic items, personal accessories, personal papers, letters, diaries and memorabilia recording local life or of significant Aberdonians.

Current database classifications:

- **Science and Industry**
 - Engineering – domestic appliances eg. Radios, televisions, cookers etc
- **Social History**
 - Domestic
 - Museum General – some of this has personalia
- **Archaeology**
 - Excavated

Community life and wellbeing

Those items used by individuals forming part of a larger self-defining community or constituted organisation. For example material relating to schools, medical professions, fire and police, faith and religion, local government, military service and armed conflict, hobbies, leisure, sport and recreation.

Current database classifications:

- **Science and Industry**
 - Weaponry eg. Muskets for militia is civil defence
 - Medicine and healthcare
- **Social History**

- Civic – local government
- Ecclesiastical
- Education
- Societies
- Leisure
- Souvenirs
- Recreation
- Sport – inc. sporting guns
- Wartime

- **Maritime**

- Leisure – pond models

- **Numismatics**

- Medals
- Communion tokens

- **Archaeology**

- Excavated
- Classical – antiquities collected as a “hobby”

Trade, industry and working lives

Those items which depict local infrastructure such as local transport, Post Office, banking, the harbour and the supply of utilities (gas, electricity, water and sewage); craft trades and manufacturing industries; extractive industries and natural resources.

Current database classifications:

- **Maritime**

- Aberdeen Harbour
- Fishing and Whaling
- Life and Work at Sea
- Shipping
- Shipbuilding
- Energy industries

- **Science and Industry**

- Agriculture

- Craft trades
- Engineering – local companies
- Granite
- Papermaking
- Printing
- Brewing and distilling
- Chemicals and Gas
- Textile Industry
- Photography – commercial photography and GWW
- Transport
- Metrology
- Post Office – service industry
- Office
- **Social History**
 - Shopping
- **Numismatics**
 - Coins and banknotes
 - Trade tokens
 - General tokens
- **Archaeology**
 - Excavated