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# Anderson's College records

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Strathclyde Archives, United Kingdom
<b>Title:</b>	Anderson's College records
<b>ID:</b>	OB
<b>Date:</b>	1796-1887 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	1.6 metres
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Founded under the will of John Anderson (1726-1796), Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow, Anderson's (or the Andersonian) Institution was established in 1796. The intention was to establish four faculties, of Arts, Medicine, Law and Theology, though Law and Theology were never founded. Courses in chemistry, natural philosophy, mathematics and other scientific subjects, together with English, rhetoric, music and art were offered. In keeping with John Anderson's views, classes were offered for the mechanics of the city. Among the early professors were eminent men such as Thomas Garnett, George Birkbeck and Thomas Graham. In 1828 the institution changed its name to Anderson's University and in 1877 it changed again to Anderson's College, as it lacked a royal warrant to function as a university.

An important part of the institution (founded in 1799) was Anderson's Medical School, of which David Livingstone was perhaps the most famous alumnus. In 1887, the Medical School became an independent institution, and it eventually merged with the University of Glasgow Medical Faculty in 1947.

Anderson's College merged with other institutions in 1887 to become the main component in the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College.

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## Scope and content

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Records relating to governance; constitutional and legal records; annual reports; calendars; class and lecture advertisements, programmes and syllabuses; class admission tickets; subscription lists; financial records; draft contract relating to property in John Street; student records; library and museum records; lectures.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

Open

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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## Access points

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- Colleges (UK) (subject)
  - Universities (subject)
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## Series descriptions

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### **Series OB/1/1: Minutes of managers and trustees**

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Committee of Ordinary Managers

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Trustees

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Secretary

Date: 1796 - 1887 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Signed minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the executors, ordinary managers and quarterly meetings of the trustees.

Physical description: 6 volumes

Language of the material:

English

Restrictions on access:

Open

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/1/1/1	Item - Minutes	1796 - 1799	Open	
OB/1/1/2	Item - Minutes	1799 - 1810	Open	
OB/1/1/3	Item - Minutes	1811 - 1830	Open	
OB/1/1/4	Item - Minutes	1830 - 1864	Open	
OB/1/1/5	Item - Minutes	1864 - 1881	Open	
OB/1/1/6	Item - Minutes	1881 - 1887	Open	

### Series OB/1/2: Transcripts of minutes of managers and trustees

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Committee of Ordinary Managers

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Trustees

Date: 1796 - 1810 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Indexed (index compiled c. 1930).

Physical description: 4 volumes

Language of the material:

English

Restrictions on access:

Open

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/1/2/1	Item - Transcript of minutes	1796 - 1799	Open	
OB/1/2/2	Item - Transcript of minutes	1799 - 1810	Open	

### Series OB/1/3: Popular Evening Class Committee minutes

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Popular Evening Class Committee

Date: 1849 - 1888 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Signed minutes of the Popular Evening Class Committee.

Physical description: 3 volumes

Language of the material:

English

Restrictions on access:

Open				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/1/3/1	Item - Minutes	January 1849 - November 1855	Open	
OB/1/3/2	Item - Minutes	December 1855 - November 1862	Open	
OB/1/3/3	Item - Minutes	November 1862 - January 1888	Open	
OB/1/4	Item - Register of elected trustees	1865 - 1887	Open	
OB/1/5	Item - Extract from minutes of managers of Anderson's College relating to Kerr bursaries following separation of Medical Faculty from College	15 July 1884	Open	
Series OB/2: Constitutional and legal records				
<u>Creator:</u> Anderson's College, Glasgow   Trustees				
<u>Date:</u> 1876 - 1886 (date of creation)				
<u>Physical description:</u> 21 documents				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/2/1	Item - Report of evidence given on behalf of Anderson's University to Royal Commission on Scientific Instruction and Advancement of Science	1876 -	Open	
OB/2/2	Item - Anderson's College, Glasgow Act	1877 -	Open	
OB/2/3	Item - Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill	1880 -	Open	
OB/2/4	Item - Memorial of representatives from educational trusts and endowments in Glasgow relating to Educational Endowments (Scotland) Bill	1881 -	Open	
OB/2/5	Item - Educational Endowments (Scotland) Act	1882 -	Open	
OB/2/6	Item - Memorandum as to form of schemes under Educational Endowments (Scotland) Act	c 1882	Open	
OB/2/8	Item - Memorandum for Educational Endowments (Scotland) Commission explaining history and present position of Atkinson Institution, Glasgow	1883 -	Open	
OB/2/9	Item - Draft scheme under Educational Endowments (Scotland) Act, 1882, for Atkinson's Institution, Glasgow	1883 -	Open	
OB/2/10	Item - Statement of property and funds of Anderson's College, Young Chair of Technical Chemistry, College of Science	1883 -	Open	

	and Arts, Allan Glen's Institution and Glasgow Technical College		
OB/2/11	Item - First report of Educational Endowments (Scotland) Commission	1884 -	Open
OB/2/12	Item - Report to committee appointed by meeting of representatives of governing bodies giving technical and science teaching in Glasgow	14 January 1884	Open
OB/2/13	Item - Report by Committee appointed by meeting of representatives of governing bodies giving technical and science teaching in Glasgow	15 February 1884	Open
OB/2/14	Item - Resolutions adopted at meeting of representatives of governing bodies giving technical and science teaching in Glasgow	22 February 1884	Open
OB/2/15	Item - Communications from governing bodies giving technical and science teaching in Glasgow in reply to resolutions adopted at meeting of representatives of governing bodies	March - May 1884	Open
OB/2/16	Item - Motion to be proposed by representatives of Anderson's College at meeting of representatives of governing bodies giving technical and science teaching in Glasgow	14 October 1884	Open
OB/2/17	File - Draft of scheme for administration of Anderson's College and other educational institutions in Glasgow	c April - May 1885	Open
OB/2/18	Item - Objections and amendments by trustees of Allan Glen's Institution to draft scheme for administration of Anderson's College and other educational institutions in Glasgow	May 1885	Open
OB/2/19	Item - Scheme for administration of Anderson's College and other educational institutions in Glasgow	22 July 1885	Open
OB/2/20	Item - Memorandum by trustees of Allan Glen's Institution as to scheme for administration of Anderson's College and other educational institutions in Glasgow	6 November 1885	Open
OB/2/21	Item - Scheme for administration of Anderson's College and other educational institutions in Glasgow as approved by Queen in Council	26 November 1886	Open

### Series OB/3: Annual reports

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Committee of Ordinary Managers

Date: 1825 - 1866 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Reports by the managers to the trustees on the affairs and property of Anderson's Institution.

Physical description: 1 volume + 1 leaflet

Language of the material:

English

Arrangement:

Chronological

Restrictions on access:

Open

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/3/1	Item - Annual report	1832 -	Open	
OB/3/2	Item - Annual report	1865/1866	Open	

**Series OB/4/1: Correspondence, mainly relating to appointments of trustees**

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Trustees

Date: c 1798 - 1861 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder

Language of the material:

English

Arrangement:

Chronological

Restrictions on access:

Open

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/4/1/1	Item - Letter from the Reverend James Dunn accepting election as trustee of Anderson's Institution	12 February 1798	Open	
OB/4/1/2	Item - Letter from George Birkbeck resigning from Anderson's Institution	17 July 1804	Open	
OB/4/1/3	Item - Letter from Andrew Bannatyne resigning as trustee of Anderson's University	7 November 1859	Open	
OB/4/1/4	Item - Letter from Walter Crum to Andrew Bannatyne acknowledging his resignation as trustee of Anderson's University	8 November 1859	Open	



OB/4/1/5	Item - Letter from James Smith asking for re-election as trustee and honorary museum curator	7 November 1861	Open
OB/4/1/6	Item - Letter from James Smith to second class of trustees of Anderson's University	7 November 1861	Open
OB/4/1/7	Item - Letter from James Smith listing office bearers of Anderson's University	1817 - 1839	Open
OB/4/1/8	Item - Letter from James Smith on donation of portrait	c 1860s	Open
OB/4/2/1	Item - Popular Evening Class Committee letter book	1864 - 1867	Open
OB/5/1/1	File - Bills and receipts	1796 - 1800	Open

### Series OB/5/1/2: Subscription lists

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Trustees

Date: 1796 - 1811 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 volumes + 1 broadsheet

Language of the material:

English

Restrictions on access:

Open

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/5/1/2/1	Item - Subscription list	[1796]	Open	
OB/5/1/2/2	Item - Subscription list	1800/1801 - 1810/1811	Open	
OB/5/1/2/3	Item - Register of £20 subscription shares	1800 -	Open	
OB/5/1/3	Item - Receipt book	1831 - 1834	Open	

### Series OB/5/1/4: Ledgers

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Treasurer

Date: 1832 - 1887 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The ledgers include the following accounts: profit and loss, income, general expenditure, debts, rents, stock, university buildings, apparatus, library, museum, mechanics' library, medical library, furniture, Island of Shuna, cash, Bank of Scotland, Glasgow Union Bank, City of Glasgow, charges, law expenses, bursaries and prizes, interest, repairs, soiree, insurance and taxes, subscription, janitor, musical catalogue, fireproof apartment, feu duties, various laboratories, parliamentary expenses, chair of applied mechanics, medical faculty, dispensary, educational endowments scheme, geological lectureship. There are also accounts for various named individuals. The ledgers are indexed.

Physical description: 2 volumes

Language of the material:

English				
<u>Restrictions on access:</u>				
Open				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/5/1/4/1	Item - Ledger	1832 - 1845	Open	
OB/5/1/4/2	Item - Ledger	1869 - 1887	Open	
OB/5/1/5	Item - Journal	January 1832 - March 1844	Open	
OB/5/1/6	Item - Cash book and journal	August 1877 - June 1887	Open	
<b>Series OB/5/1/7: Financial statements</b>				
<u>Creator:</u> Anderson's College, Glasgow   Treasurer				
<u>Creator:</u> Anderson's College, Glasgow   Committee of Ordinary Managers				
<u>Date:</u> 1832 - 1880 (date of creation)				
<u>Physical description:</u> 1 folder				
<u>Language of the material:</u>				
English				
<u>Restrictions on access:</u>				
Open				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/5/1/7/1	Item - Statement of affairs	January 1832	Open	
OB/5/1/7/2	Item - Financial statement	January 1833	Open	
OB/5/1/7/3	Item - Statement of affairs	March 1844	Open	
OB/5/1/7/4	Item - Statement of affairs	March 1845	Open	
OB/5/1/7/5	Item - Statement of affairs	September 1876	Open	
OB/5/1/7/6	Item - Abstract of funds	June 1880	Open	
OB/5/2/1	Item - Popular evening class cash book	1852 - 1887	Open	
<b>Series OB/5/2/2: Popular evening class bank pass books</b>				
<u>Creator:</u> Anderson's College, Glasgow   Popular Evening Class Committee				
<u>Date:</u> 1868 - 1888 (date of creation)				
<u>Physical description:</u> 2 booklets				
<u>Language of the material:</u>				
English				

Restrictions on access:

Open

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/5/2/2/1	Item - Bank pass book	1868 - 1882	Open	
OB/5/2/2/2	Item - Bank pass book	1882 - 1888	Open	
OB/5/2/3	Item - Popular evening class ledger	1881 - 1882	Open	
OB/5/3/1	Item - Medical Faculty cash book	1841 - 1852	Open	
OB/5/4/1	Item - Library fees, fines and sale of syllabuses cash book	1877 - 1887	Open	
OB/6/1	Item - Draft contract relating to property in John Street, Glasgow	1798 -	Open	

**Series OB/7/1: Class and lecture advertisements, programmes and syllabuses**Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | SecretaryDate: 1812 - 1886 (date of creation)Physical description: 21 items**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/7/1/1	Item - Advertisement for classes	1 October 1812	Open	
OB/7/1/2	Item - Advertisement for classes	1 October 1812	Open	
OB/7/1/3	Item - Advertisement for classes	1 October 1812	Open	
OB/7/1/4	Item - Advertisement for classes in mathematical science to be taught by John Cross	29 October 1812	Open	
OB/7/1/5	Item - Advertisement for medical classes to be taught by Andrew Ure	2 November 1813	Open	
OB/7/1/6	Item - Advertisement for classes to be taught by Andrew Ure	22 September 1814	Open	
OB/7/1/7	Item - Advertisement for classes to be taught by Andrew Ure	25 September 1816	Open	
OB/7/1/8	Item - Advertisement for classes to be taught by Andrew Ure	26 October 1816	Open	
OB/7/1/9	Item - Advertisement for classes to be taught by Andrew Ure	4 October 1817	Open	
OB/7/1/10	Item - Advertisement for classes to be taught by Andrew Ure	27 October 1817	Open	
OB/7/1/11	Item - Outline of lectures by Andrew Ure on mechanical and chemical arts	6 November 1822	Open	
OB/7/1/12	Item - Announcement of writing and book-keeping classes by D.C. MacLean	1856 - 1857	Open	
OB/7/1/13	Item - Programme of classes	October 1858	Open	
OB/7/1/14	Item - Evening lectures syllabus	1860/1861	Open	
OB/7/1/15	Item - Programme of classes	September 1864	Open	
OB/7/1/16	Item - Programme of classes	September 1866	Open	

OB/7/1/17	Item - Popular evening classes syllabus	1870 - 1871	Open
OB/7/1/18	Item - Popular evening classes syllabus	1878 - 1879	Open
OB/7/1/19	Item - Syllabus of classes	1885 - 1886	Open
OB/7/1/20	Item - Announcement of botany lectures by Thomas Edmondston	May 1844	Open
OB/7/1/21	Item - Announcement of geology lectures by Thomas Edmondston	[1844]	Open

### Series OB/7/2: Calendars

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Secretary

Date: 1871 - 1887 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The calendars contain: a history of the institution; lists of the trustees, managers, office bearers, professors, and members of the Popular Evening Classes Committee; details of foundations and bursaries; reports from the Young Chair of Technical Chemistry (from 1878); class syllabuses; the state of the institution's funds; prize lists; examination results and papers; numbers of students attending classes; tables showing the occupations and ages of students attending the Popular Evening Classes, 1872-1877.

Physical description: 14 volumes

Language of the material:

English

Access points:

- Anderson's College, Glasgow | Trustees
- Anderson's College, Glasgow | Committee of Ordinary Managers
- Anderson's College, Glasgow | Popular Evening Class Committee
- Young Chair of Technical Chemistry, Glasgow

Restrictions on access:

Open

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/7/2/1	Item - Calendar	1871 - 1872	Open	
OB/7/2/2	Item - Calendar	1872 - 1873	Open	
OB/7/2/3	Item - Calendar	1874 - 1875	Open	
OB/7/2/4	Item - Calendar	1875 - 1876	Open	
OB/7/2/5	Item - Calendar	1876 - 1877	Open	
OB/7/2/6	Item - Calendar	1878 - 1879	Open	
OB/7/2/7	Item - Calendar	1879 - 1880	Open	
OB/7/2/8	Item - Calendar	1880 - 1881	Open	
OB/7/2/9	Item - Calendar	1881 - 1882	Open	
OB/7/2/10	Item - Calendar	1882 - 1883	Open	
OB/7/2/11	Item - Calendar	1883 - 1884	Open	
OB/7/2/12	Item - Calendar	1884 - 1885	Open	

OB/7/2/13	Item - Calendar	1885 - 1886	Open
OB/7/2/14	Item - Calendar	1886 - 1887	Open
<b>Series OB/8: Class admission tickets</b>			
<u>Creator:</u> Anderson's College, Glasgow   Secretary			
<u>Date:</u> 1862 - 1879 (date of creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 25 cards + photocopies of 7 cards			
<b>File / item list</b>			
<b>Subseries OB/8/1: Class admission tickets for anatomy and physiology popular evening class taught by George Buchanan</b>			
<u>Date:</u> 1870 - 1871 (date of creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 3 cards			
<u>Language of the material:</u>			
English			
<u>Restrictions on access:</u>			
Open			
<b>File / item list</b>			
<b>Subseries OB/8/2: Class admission tickets for botany popular evening class taught by Roger Hennedy</b>			
<u>Date:</u> 1866, 1870-1871 (date of creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> 10 cards			
<u>Language of the material:</u>			
English			
<u>Restrictions on access:</u>			
Open			
<b>File / item list</b>			
<b>Series OB/8/2/4: Class admission tickets for lectures on botany, mineralogy and geology by Thomas Edmondston</b>			
<u>Date:</u> 1844 - (date of creation)			
<u>Physical description:</u> Photocopies of 5 cards			
<u>Language of the material:</u>			

English

Access points:

- Edmondston, Thomas, 1825-1846, botanist

Restrictions on access:

Open

**File / item list**

**Subseries OB/8/3: Class admission tickets for chemistry classes**

Date: 1862 - 1883 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 cards + photocopy of 1 card

Language of the material:

English

Restrictions on access:

Open

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/8/3/1	Item - Class admission ticket for chemistry class taught by Frederick Penny	1862 - 1863	Open	
OB/8/3/2	File - Class admission tickets for chemistry popular evening class taught by T.E. Thorpe	1870 - 1871	Open	
OB/8/3/3	Item - Class admission ticket for chemistry popular evening class taught by William Dittmar	1882 - 1883	Open	

**Subseries OB/8/4/1: Class admission tickets for music popular evening class taught by Colin Brown**

Date: 1870 - 1871 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 cards

Language of the material:

English

Restrictions on access:

Open

**File / item list****Series OB/8/4/2: Class admission tickets for vocal music popular evening class taught by R. Anderson**

Date: 1872 - 1873 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 cards

Language of the material:

English

Restrictions on access:

Open

**File / item list****Subseries OB/8/5: Class admission tickets for natural philosophy popular evening classes**

Date: 1870 - 1871, 1878 - 1879 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 cards + photocopy of 1 card

Language of the material:

English

Restrictions on access:

Open

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/8/5/1	File - Class admission tickets for natural philosophy popular evening class taught by Alexander Herschel	1870 - 1871	Open	
OB/8/5/2	Item - Class admission ticket for natural philosophy popular evening class	1878 - 1879	Open	

**Series OB/9/1: Popular evening classes attendance lists**

Creator: Anderson's College, Glasgow | Popular Evening Class Committee

Date: December 1835 - April 1840 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 items

Language of the material:

English

<u>Restrictions on access:</u>				
Open				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/9/1/1	Item - Popular evening classes attendance lists	December 1835 - April 1840	Open	
OB/9/1/2	Item - Transcript of popular evening classes attendance lists	Transcribed 1984	Open	
<b>Series OB/9/2: Lists of students attending medical classes</b>				
<u>Creator:</u> Anderson's College, Glasgow   Medical Faculty				
<u>Date:</u> 1854 - 1861 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Details recorded are name, address (city/town) and subjects taken.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 5 items				
<u>Language of the material:</u>				
English				
<u>Access points:</u>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students (subject)</li> </ul>				
<u>Restrictions on access:</u>				
Open				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/9/2/1	Item - List of students attending medical classes	1854 - 1855	Open	
OB/9/2/2	Item - List of students attending medical classes	1855 - 1856	Open	
OB/9/2/3	Item - List of students attending medical classes	1857 - 1858	Open	
OB/9/2/4	Item - List of students attending medical classes	1858 - 1859	Open	
OB/9/2/5	Item - List of students attending medical classes	1860 - 1861	Open	
<b>Series OB/10/1: Library and Museum catalogues</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1799 - 1883 (date of creation)				
<u>Physical description:</u> 4 volumes + 1 booklet				
<u>Language of the material:</u>				



English				
<u>Restrictions on access:</u>				
Open				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/10/1/1	Item - Catalogue of John Anderson's Library	c 1799 - 1831	Open	
OB/10/1/2	Item - Catalogue of Library of Anderson's University, Glasgow	1832 -	Open	
OB/10/1/3	Item - Catalogue of Museum of Anderson's University	1866 -	Open	
OB/10/1/4	Item - Catalogue of musical library of William Euing, bequeathed to Anderson's University, Glasgow	1878 -	Open	
OB/10/1/5	Item - Catalogue of books bequeathed by Alexander Laing, Professor of Mathematics	1883 -	Open	
OB/10/2/1	Item - Rules and regulations of mechanics' class library and museum	1822 -	Open	
<b>Series OB/11/1: Lectures</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1846, 1878 (date of creation)				
<u>Physical description:</u> 2 booklets				
<u>Language of the material:</u>				
English				
<u>Restrictions on access:</u>				
Open				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
OB/11/1/1	Item - Lecture entitled 'Phrenology - its nature and uses'	7 January 1846	Open	
OB/11/1/2	Item - Lecture entitled Anderson's College, its founder and its medical school	1878	Open	
OB/11/2	Item - Weather records kept at Anderson's University	March - May 1831, June 1836 - January 1839, June 1843	Open	