

Kinning Park Burns Club

Overview

Kinning Park is an area in the south side of Glasgow. (For more information on this area, see W. Hamish Fraser's article, '[Neighbourhoods. Kinning Park](#)' on *The Glasgow Story* website). In 1908, the Kinning Park Burns Club met at 8pm on the second Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Hall on Rutland Crescent. By 1913, this changed to monthly meetings.

The object of this club was listed in the *Annual Burns Chronicle and Club Directory* as:

'The annual celebration of the birthday of Robert Burns, occasional meetings for the cultivation of social and intellectual intercourse, and the encouragement of Scottish literature amongst the members and friends.'

('Directory of Burns Clubs and Scottish Societies on the Roll of the Burns Federation, 1908', in *Annual Burns Chronicle and Club Directory*, ed. by D. M'Naught, No. XVII (Kilmarnock: Burns Federation, January 1908), p. 149)

The next year, this was extended to include '[c]ompetition amongst school children for singing and reciting works of Scottish poets' ('Directory of Burns Clubs and Scottish Societies on the Roll of the Burns Federation, 1909', in *Annual Burns Chronicle and Club Directory*, ed by D. M'Naught, No. XVIII (Kilmarnock, Burns Federation, January 1909), p. 178).

Date of Existence

1881-1913?

Source of Information

1. (Mentioned in Minutes of the Glasgow and District Burns Club: Minute entry, 3 September 1910, Glasgow and District Burns Club, Minutes, 8 November 1907-5 September 1912);

2. 'Directory of Burns Clubs and Scottish Societies on the Roll of the Burns Federation, 1908', in BC, ed. by D. M'Naught, No. XVII (Kilmarnock: Burns Federation, January 1908), p. 149;

3. 'Directory of Burns Clubs and Scottish Societies on the Roll of the Burns Federation, 1909', in BC, ed by D. M'Naught, No. XVIII (Kilmarnock, Burns Federation, January 1909), p. 178;

4. 'Directory of Burns Clubs and Scottish Societies on the Roll of the Burns Federation, 1913', in BC, ed. by D. M'Naught, No. XXII (Kilmarnock: Burns Federation, January 1913), p. 202

Repository

Mitchell Library Special Collections (MLSC) (Minutes, and *Annual Burns Chronicle*)

National Library of Scotland (NLS) (*Annual Burns Chronicle*)

Reference Number

891709 (MLSC) (Minutes)

BNS19BUR (MLSC) (*Annual Burns Chronicle*)

General Reading Room (stored offsite), Y.233, available no. 1-34 25th Jan. 1892-Jan. 1925 (NLS) (*Annual Burns Chronicle*)

Additional Notes

See also [Glasgow and District Burns Club](#).

'**BC**' refers to the *Annual Burns Chronicle and Club Directory*, which was published yearly since 1892. Hard copies are available at the Mitchell Library Special Collections and the National Library of Scotland. Many of them have been digitised and are available through the *Robert Burns World Federation* website: <http://www.rbwf.org.uk/digitised-chronicles/>.

This list of Burns chronicles as sources of information gives the first year the club was included in the chronicle, and thereafter only for the years where the information is ***different*** from the previous year's listing. In keeping with the scope of this study (1800-1914), only the chronicles published between 1892 and 1914 are included.