



SAPPHIRE

SAPPHIRE, the Scottish Archive of Print and Publishing History Records, is a research consortium led by the Scottish Centre for the Book at Edinburgh Napier University in collaboration with Queen Margaret University. SAPPHIRE aims to:

- record the social, economic and cultural history since 1880 of the Scottish printing and publishing industries and related trades and professions
- document aspects of the working lives of people who have been employed in these sectors and witnessed the changes that have taken place within them
- develop the permanent archive of interviews and ephemera deposited in the Edward Clark Library at Edinburgh Napier University

The bulk of the material in the SAPPHIRE archive consists of recordings of personal testimonies of former and current employees within the print and publishing industries and related sectors. Photographs and videos of current work practices are also being gathered. These provide a living record of these trades and professions before further changes, social, technological, or economic, occur in the near future. The oral and contemporary material is enhanced by the collection of ephemera such as trade literature, photographs, film and relevant memorabilia. Online access to the digitised elements of the SAPPHIRE collection is available through www.sapphire.ac.uk.

