

APPENDIX

CHRONOLOGICAL CATALOGUE OF TEXTS RELATING TO THE EXCAVATIONS AT SOUTH SHIELDS 1875, PRESERVED IN ROBERT BLAIR'S SCRAPBOOK

Ref	Date	Type	Author (and recipient)	Brief description of contents
1	1798	Hand-drawn sketch map	Nicholas Fairles	Original sketch showing position of Roman remains on the Lawe. Blair references in letter to Gazette, 1 March 1875.
2	20/2/75	Published letter	Hooppell ('Scrutator') to <i>Shields Gazette</i>	Detailed suggestions relating to exploring 'the buried city'. Significant finds to date. Why important to excavate (and why NOW). Benefits to town.
3	20/2/75	Handwritten letter	John Collingwood Bruce to Blair	Part of a correspondence with Bruce as Senior Secretary of <i>SANT</i> , which Blair had recently joined. Encourages Blair to bring recent finds/give report on discoveries on the Lawe at next meeting, 3 March.
4	25/2/75	Published letter	Ralph Carr Ellison to <i>Shields Gazette</i>	Appears in Paper 27/2. Part of organised campaign to garner support and subscriptions (see letter Hooppell to Blair). Lends authoritative antiquarian support to 'Scrutator'
5	27/2/75	Handwritten letter	Hooppell to Blair	Organisation of the Exploration: Controlled release of information and endorsements in the press.
6	1/3/75	Published letter	Blair to <i>Shields Gazette</i>	As directed by Hooppell (see letter 27/2). Endorses letters of 'Scrutator' and R.C.Ellison, and calls for action. Lists previous Roman finds, and expresses confidence in project.
7	1/3/75	Published letter	William Lawson to <i>Shields Gazette</i>	Support for exploration by gentleman interested in local history. More detailed account of what is already known. Call for assistance from 'the venerable Dr Bruce'.
8	3/3/75	Newspaper report	<i>Daily News</i>	Essentially a Press Release by the newly formed Committee. Report on deputation to the Mayor (see letter 27/2) on 2 March, for permission to start digging. Explorations began the same afternoon, yielding 'several coins...[and] a column 12ft high'.
9	5/3/75	Newspaper report	<i>Newcastle Chronicle</i>	Report of inspection of site by deputation from Newcastle Antiquaries, Clayton and R.C.Ellison. Advice to Committee.
10	6/3/75	Printed notice	Blair and Hooppell	Announcement of public meeting in the Free Library, 8 March.
11	8/3/75	Handwritten letter	R.C. Ellison to Blair	Confirming offer of services of Mr Gray, 'my clerk of works at Hebburn

				Church', free of charge. Advises committee on basic equipment required for successful dig, and importance of locking up important finds ('altars').
12	8/3/75	Handwritten letter	T.H. Chester to Mayor	Subscription. Hooppell read at public meeting, 8 March.
13	8/3/75	Handwritten letter	William Lawson to Hooppell	Subscription 1 guinea. Elegantly expressed; Hooppell read out at public meeting, 8 March.
14	10/3/75	Handwritten letter	R.C. Ellison to Blair	More advice on security matters. Assurances of personal support and involvement in the excavation.
15	n.d. 10?/3/75	Newspaper report	<i>Daily Dispatch</i>	'The Roman Relics at South Shields': Report on meeting held 8 March, to organise exploration.
16	n.d. 10?/3/75	Newspaper report	<i>Shields Gazette</i>	Far longer and more detailed account of meeting, 8 March. Big occasion. Hooppell proposes the motion, emphasizing public education and the public good of the initiative. Secunder alludes to excavations at Pompeii by comparison. Bruce speaks at length in support, to propose subscription fund, and on subject of archaeology generally.
17	n.d.	Newspaper article	'Elfin', writing in <i>Newcastle Chronicle</i>	A whimsical piece, including a dialect poem and light-hearted allusions to South Shields's place in Roman history. Displays detailed local historical knowledge, nevertheless, and expresses approval of explorations.
18	10/3/75	Published letter	T. Lincoln to <i>Shields Gazette</i>	Information on the Roman history of Jarrow, by Committee member who was deputed to ask Mayor's permission to excavate (see <i>Daily News</i> 3/3).
19	10/3/75	Handwritten letter	?Robert Ingham. House of Commons Library stationery, to Blair	Subscription £10 10s 0d
20	11/3/75	Handwritten letter	John Clayton to Blair	Responds to request to join Committee, offering advice.
21	12/3/75	Newspaper report	Unattrib. <i>Gazette</i> ?	Brief summary of meeting of Committee. Formal permission to be sought from Ecclesiastical Commission. R.C.Ellison's offer of a foreman accepted, and sub-committee appointed to hire labourers and oversee the work. £60 already raised by subscription.
22	14/3/75	Handwritten letter	R.C. Ellison to Blair	Third of group of letters, pasted onto the same page in Blair's scrapbook, recording R.C.E's engagement in the early stages of the exploration.
23	14/3/75	Handwritten letter	John Clayton to Blair	Subscription; offering advice.

24	15/3/75	Newspaper article	<i>Daily News</i>	Romantic piece, complete with several puns and a bad poem, celebrating excitement of uncovering the Roman remains at South Shields. Encomium of Bruce, implying his support and influence are fundamental to the success of the venture.
25	15/3/75	Handwritten letter	Edward James Smith to Hooppell	Subscription. Not to be confused with E.J. (John) Smith, future captain of the Titanic.
26	16/3/75	Printed subscription list	Blair	Invitation to subscribe, including list of first subscribers, with handwritten additions.
27	16/3/75	Newspaper report	<i>Daily News</i>	Records that excavation by team of five labourers formally began 15 March. Outlines intention to reveal the plan of the fort.
28	16/3/75	Handwritten letter	Office of Lord Ravensworth	Declines opportunity to subscribe. Expresses doubt of worth of the exploration.
29	17/3/75	Handwritten letter	W. Brockie to Blair	Original of the letter published 19/3, on derivation of 'Lawe'.
30	19/3/75	Published letters	W.H.D Longstaffe and William Brockie to Blair	Blair sent both letters (originally to himself 17/3) to the <i>Shields Gazette</i> . Subject matter etymology and the post-Roman history of the Lawe.
31	20/3/75	Published letter	Hooppell to <i>Gazette</i>	Hooppell expounds on various points in yesterday's letters for a wider audience, and explains why they are relevant and interesting to the history of South Shields (and how the exploration of the Roman remains has 'evoked...[a] spirit of research' which is all to the good). Evidence of coordination, and a dual use of the press to keep the excavation in the public eye, and to educate the public.
32	20/3/75	Published letter	J. Wheatley to <i>Gazette</i>	Advocating use of volunteer labour force for the excavations instead of waiting for money from subscriptions – which, he suggests, could be used instead to buy the site 'for the benefit of the town'.
33	22/3/75	Published letter	T. Lincoln to <i>Gazette</i>	Firm rebuttal of Mr Wheatley's (20/3) suggestion, by one of the Committee member in charge of hiring workmen and superintending the dig (cf. newspaper report 12/3). Explains that the exploration needs to be conducted in careful and organised manner, and can't be rushed.
34	22/3/75	Handwritten letter	Office of Bishop of Durham to Blair	Subscription £5.
35	23/3/75	Newspaper report	Blair or Hooppell? <i>Gazette</i>	Detailed record of progress of excavation.

36	23/3/75	Published letter	Hooppell to <i>Gazette</i>	Essay on the successive names of South Shields (as promised 20/3). Public education mission. Careful allusion to 'exploration by the people of South Shields', and the wider significance of the discoveries on the Lawe. Choreographed release of 'news', and information to educate the readers.
37	24/3/75	Newspaper report	Blair or Hooppell? <i>Gazette</i>	Seamless continuation of yesterday's report, designed to keep the readership updated and engaged. Elements of interpretation. Records that R.C.Ellison visited on 22 March (Monday) and Bruce expected 'today' (ie 23 March?)
38	25/3/75	Newspaper report	Blair or Hooppell? <i>Daily News</i>	Another detailed report, explaining what they think they are exhuming, and why this is important and interesting. Recounts practical support by the building contractor laying out the new streets, and financial support by Duke of Northumberland via Bruce. Details of Bruce's visit and observations. Keen awareness of need to maintain an authoritative profile for project.
39	25/3/75	Letter	Ecclesiastical Commission to Blair	Formal permission granted to excavate on the Lawe. Reply to Blair's letter of 12 March.
40	27/3/75	Published letter	Blair to <i>Gazette</i>	Public debate with some of Hooppell's arguments and conclusions 23/3. Contains reference to Brockie's letter of 17/3, published 19/3.
41	27/3/75	Handwritten letter	Bishop of Carlisle to Blair	Subscription.
42	8/4/75	Newspaper report	<i>Gazette</i>	Lengthy account of the April meeting of the Newcastle Antiquaries, to which Bruce had invited Hooppell, who delivered a report on the excavations in exhaustive detail. Interesting interpretative errors. Pivotal role of Newcastle Antiquaries in the dig is made explicit, and plans to carry on with the work. Supportive discussion; comparisons with forum at Cilurnum (Clayton). Blair exhibits some finds.
43	14/4/75	Published letter	'A Visitor' (to the Roman Remains) to the <i>Daily News</i>	Personal criticism of views apparently expressed by Blair in a letter to the paper the previous day, trying to discourage 'scores of visitors' who might be 'disappointed'. 'Visitor' relates that he found much of interest, in fact, and implies that W.H.D. Longstaffe's attitude was more open and welcoming. Conflict (on the

				Committee, even?) over 'popularising'?
44	15/4/75	Published letter	Blair to <i>Daily News</i>	Angry response to 'disingenuous letter' of yesterday. Glimpse of some of the debates and jostling going on behind the scenes. Reference to Longstaffe was understood to be a dig at Blair's qualifications to 'front' the exploration.
45	15/4/75	Newspaper article	<i>Daily News</i>	Brief report of recent discoveries, and direct attack on the implication of Blair's earlier letter to the paper, in defence of popular interest.
46	18/4/75	Newspaper report	Blair or Hooppell? <i>Gazette</i>	First detailed 'news' from the excavation since the report on the meeting of the Newcastle Antiquaries (8/4) and the spat in the <i>Daily News</i> . Contains lengthy account of the vandalism and destruction on site, which was hindering the progress of the work and the Committee's aims. Bruce invoked.
47	24/4/75	Handwritten letter	Charles Roach Smith to Blair	Reply to earlier letter, offering advice and support.
48	24/4/75	Newspaper report	Blair or Hooppell? <i>Gazette</i>	Further detailed reporting of Committee intentions, progress of the work, finds, and speculations.
49	26/4/75	Newspaper report, including letter	Letter from 'Observer' (Blair?) in South Shields to <i>Journal</i>	Supplements information in most recent report in the <i>Gazette</i> (24/4). Reference to recent letter to <i>Journal</i> by W.T.Watkin. 'Observer' endorses W.T.W's conclusions on the garrison at South Shields, and adds other thoughts and evidence-based observations.
50	4/5/75	Printed poster	Blair & Hooppell	Advertising public lecture by H. Ecroyd Smith, to raise funds.
51	5/5/75	Newspaper report	<i>Shields Gazette</i>	Text of lecture framed by report of the occasion. Afterwards, Hooppell spoke at length about the popular interest in the project, plans for future stages of exploration and for creating 'a fine antiquarian museum' for the Free Library. Introduction to motion to raise a further £300 by subscription. Blair has pasted C.R.Smith's letter (24/11/75) next to the pertinent passage in the reported lecture.
52	6/5/75	Published letter	W. Thompson Watkin to <i>Gazette</i>	Takes H.E. Smith (report 5/5) to task for misrepresenting his views on the garrison of the fort on the Lawe, and the identification of Tunnocelum, etc.
53	8/5/75	Newspaper report	Hooppell or Blair? <i>Gazette</i>	Progress to date. Finds and inscriptions. Anxiety about completing exploration before the northerly side of the site is covered by streets and houses.

54	13/5/75	Newspaper report	Hooppell or Blair? <i>Gazette</i>	'Interesting results' from excavations on the north side of the site. Emphasizes unique worth of discoveries.
55	?27/28 May 1875	Newspaper report	Unattrib.	Account of the Meeting of the Tyneside Naturalists' Field Club, 25 May 1875. Hooppell summarises clearly the aims and results of the exploration (adapted for a more general audience than his <i>SANT</i> paper read 8/4). Awareness of successive layers of occupation. Interesting that responsibility for reporting on finds divided between different 'experts' on the Committee. Concludes with importance of continuing the work (subscriptions to be raised) and eventually, of preserving the site for its historical value, and the public good. Bruce responded, pointing out that the physical remains are very confused. Further work needs to be done, and inscriptions found, to identify garrison and the Roman name of the place. Authoritative support for preservation of the site. Hooppell and Bruce both excellent communicators to a lay audience.
56	27/5/75	Published letter	A Member of the Tyneside Field Club to the <i>Shields Dispatch</i>	Complaint about George Lyall's allegedly misleading paper on the Underground Fire at South Shields.
57	28/5/75	Published letter	T. Lincoln to <i>Gazette</i>	Town Council should take action to preserve the site of the fort, by negotiating a deal with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Parallel with 'Caesar's Camp' in Wimbledon. Historical and educational value, but also potential for boosting Shields as a place to visit.
58	?end May 1875	Published letter	'Typo' to <i>Gazette</i>	Steps need to be taken to preserve some or part of the site of the fort, but the Town Council should not bear financial responsibility for acquiring it. 'Typo' under the impression that it is in the gift of Dean and Chapter or University of Durham.
59	31/5/75	Handwritten letter	J.C.Stevenson to Blair	Re Subscription. Will donate more in future, but others should be asked first. MP (cf. printed list 16/3) initially contributed £10 10s 0d.
60	1&4/6/75	Handwritten letter	Charles Palmer to Blair	Reply to a letter from Blair 29/5 asking him to subscribe. Declines, but hopes 'the antiquarians with Mr Clayton at their head will come forward to assist you'. MP for North

				Durham, shipbuilder, born South Shields.
61	4/6/75	Journal article	H. Ecroyd Smith in <i>The British Architect</i> , Vol 3, number 75	'The Newly-Discovered Roman Station at South Shields': Text of lecture delivered at South Shields 4/5, by the well-known FSA. National recognition of the excavation.
62	n.d.	Published letter	W. Thompson Watkin to ? <i>The British Architect</i>	Mistakes made by H. Ecroyd-Smith in recent article. Mentions that Blair consulted W.T.W when first tile inscription appeared.
63	n.d.	Newspaper article	Unattrib.	'The Newly-Discovered Roman Station At South Shields'. Re-print of H.E-Smith article 4/6, and reference to Committee plans to preserve the site for future generations, and the need to fund this privately. Unfavourable comparison to other European nations. Blair has included it with other items dated May, however, as a companion-piece to the newspaper report of the lecture (5/5).
64	19/6/75	Handwritten letter	F. Holland on behalf of Duke of Northumberland, to Blair	Subscription 10 guineas.
65	8/7/75	Printed leaflet	Blair	Soliciting further subscriptions, without which work will have to stop. The reverse carries an edited version of addresses by Hooppell and Bruce to the Tyneside Naturalists' Field Club, 25/5.
66	29/7/75	Published letter	R.C. Ellison to Blair, <i>Daily Dispatch</i>	On the correct reading of a newly-discovered inscription.
67	6/8/75	Handwritten letter	Richard Stevenson to Blair	Handsome subscription to Exploration Fund by Mr and Mrs Stevenson.
68	10/8/75	Published letter	W.T. Watkins to <i>Daily Dispatch</i>	Corrects reading of inscription (cf. letter 29/7).
69	19/8/75	Newspaper report	?Hooppell <i>Gazette</i>	Written by someone with a head for numbers and spatial reasoning, the latest report from the excavation is dense and difficult to follow. Readership are twice assured that results are 'extremely interesting and important'.
70	8/75	Published letter	Joseph Boulton to Blair ? <i>Daily Dispatch</i>	'On the Names Applied by Anglo-Saxons to the Roman Roads, Which They Found in Britain'.
71	9/75	Published letters	Correspondence between Joseph Boulton and R.C. Ellison in <i>Daily Dispatch</i>	The debate continues...
72	10/9/75	Published letter	'Veritas' to <i>Gazette</i>	Issue of public access to the excavations.

73	?13/9/75	Published letter	T. Lincoln to <i>Gazette</i>	Reply to 'Veritas's letter, explaining why there might be restrictions on public access in a trench on an archaeological dig: 'To that extent only is there any restriction'. Importance of education and access to the Committee.
74	?September 1875	Published letter	T. Lincoln to <i>Gazette</i>	The historical case for preserving the site of the fort: 'Archaeology is history'.
75	?September 1875	Newspaper report	Unattrib.	Meeting between a group of Exploration Committee members and town councillors, and representatives of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, to discuss the preservation of the site at the Lawe.
76	?late 9/75	Published letter	W. Thompson Watkin to <i>Daily Dispatch</i>	Tunnocelum is at the west, rather than the east, end of the Wall.
77	9/10/75	Published letter	R.C.Ellison to <i>Daily Dispatch</i>	Following up the debate (cf. letters 9/75 between Boulton and Ellison).
78	16/10/75	Handwritten letter	Charles Wawn to Blair	Member of original Committee argues excavations should be discontinued and ground levelled for building.
79	n.d.	Handwritten excerpt	?Blair	Section of Hodgson (1840) discussing altar found on the Lawe in the seventeenth century.
79a	n.d.	Printed pages	Bruce	Section of <i>Lapidarium Septentrionale</i> (1875) discussing Lawe altar, located by Hübner in the Ashmolean.
80	10/75	Colour sketches	Blair	Bronze and enamelled finds from the Lawe. Evidently those referred to in Smith's letter of 17/11 (pasted into scrapbook on same page). Previously sent to London Antiquaries. Reference to letter of 26/6/76.
81	17/11/75	Handwritten letter	Charles Roach Smith to Blair	Blair has asked Smith to identify some finds (sending drawings). His answers are speculative, and he advises Blair to contact <i>SAL</i> , <i>RAI</i> and <i>BAA</i> .
82	24/11/75	Handwritten letter	Roach Smith to Blair	Blair had sent cuttings with the transcript of Ecroyd Smith's Lecture (4/5). Letter contains Roach Smith's observations on Tunocelum, COH V C?G? and the tile marks.
83	25/1/76	Handwritten letter	F. Holland on behalf of Duke of Northumberland, to Blair	Subscription £10 10s 0d.
84	3/2/76	Published letter	Blair to one of the Newcastle newspapers	Comments on report of AGM of Newcastle Antiquaries, which recorded regret that the excavations at South Shields had been suspended. Blair points out they would love to continue, if they could raise the funds.

85	?9/2/76	Newspaper report	Unattrib.	Report of Exploration Committee meeting (7/2), where it was resolved to make the finds over to the Free Library (for the new Museum, opening on 24 February). Fresh appeal for subscribers, to continue the excavation.
86	10/2/76	Handwritten letter	Free Librarian's Secretary to Blair	Invitation to formal opening of Museum.
87	19/2/76	Newspaper report	<i>Daily Journal</i>	Chance find of human remains on the Lawe. Article implies formal excavations at a standstill.
88	?21 or 22/2/76	Newspaper report	<i>Daily Journal</i>	The discovery of a well-preserved 'Roman monumental stone', found alongside the graves, is said to reinvigorate campaign to raise more funds, to continue excavating.
89	23/2/76	Newspaper article	<i>Gazette</i>	Essay on the purpose and ideals of the new Museum, published the day before the official opening. Theme of public education. Links genesis of Museum project firmly with the planning of the recent explorations at the Lawe. Description of the 'embryo' collection.
90	25/2/76	Newspaper report	? <i>Gazette</i>	Long account of the opening ceremony and speeches. R.C. Ellison and Bruce both spoke, Bruce on the purpose and value of museums, and the credit this one brought to the town. Toast to Exploration Committee (R.C.E) and expressions of optimism on future of excavation (R.C.E, Mayor).
91	4/5/76	Handwritten transcript from <i>Proceedings</i>	Society of Antiquaries of London	Records that Robert Blair sent a letter (dated 28/4/76) to the Society, which was read at a meeting, describing the discovery of supposedly Roman period burials on the Lawe, dated by association with a fragment of tombstone.
92	17/6/76	Handwritten letter	Free Librarian's Secretary to Blair	Request for help with 'the rearrangement and labelling of the Museum'.
93	23/6/76	Handwritten letter	Bruce to Blair	Bruce plans to read a paper on the Lawe excavations at the next meeting of <i>SAL</i> , and wishes to borrow the enamelled brooches to display. Invites Blair to come in person if he is able.
94	26/6/76	Handwritten letter	C. Knight Watson (Secretary <i>SAL</i>) to Blair	Duplicates information (and request) of Bruce's letter 23/6.
95	29/6/76	Handwritten transcript from <i>Proceedings</i>	Society of Antiquaries of London	Records that Bruce gave an account of the excavation, and exhibited the enamels, brought to London by Blair himself, 'which will be figured along with other remains to illustrate Dr Bruce's Paper in the <i>Archaeologia</i> '.

96	30/6/76	<i>Proforma</i> printed letter of thanks and recognition	C. Knight Watson to Blair	Handwritten element records Roman finds from South Shields exhibited at the Society to illustrate Bruce's paper.
97	1/7/76	Handwritten letter	Free Librarian's Secretary to Blair	Thanking him for his help (see letter 17/6).
98	n.d. 1876?	Handwritten card	H. Ecroyd-Smith to Blair	Requests drawings of 'your Roman Teetotam' and 'the best tile inscriptions' to show to a fellow FSA. Asks: 'Are all operations at a standstill?'
99	23/8/76	Handwritten letter	Prof E. Hübner to Blair	Reply to letter from Blair. Helps assess and interpret inscriptions from South Shields. Mentions Bruce has also been in touch re tile stamps. Rather more objective judgement on value of evidence.
100	6/9/76	Handwritten letter	Hübner to Blair	Undeterred, Blair had written back to Hübner with 'rubblings and squeezes', which assist attribution of Roman date to Blair's sandstone lettering and tile fragment. The Professor describes his superior method for making paper casts of inscriptions.
101	19/10/76	Handwritten letter	Hübner to Blair	Reply to further letter (with rubblings) from Blair mid-September, clearing up confusion between the two inscriptions.
102	23/1/77	Newspaper report	<i>Gazette</i>	Public lecture on 'The Roman Occupation of South Shields' by Dr Hooppell. Blair has pencilled 'told report very inaccurate', pointing to H's name, at top. Comparison of Roman Empire and British Empire. Importance of South Shields in Roman times, as now. Poor state of preservation of the site on the Lawe, which should be a source of pride and an educational resource, and is instead a disgrace.
103	26/1/77	Published letter	W. Thompson Watkin to <i>Gazette</i>	Dated 24/1. 'In the interests of archaeology' takes issue with inaccuracies in Hooppell's lecture, as reported.
104	6/2/77	Newspaper report	<i>Shields Gazette</i>	On Hooppell's paper to <i>SANT</i> (5/2) 'On the probable significations of the Names of the Roman Stations <i>per lineam valli...</i> ', subsequently published in <i>AA</i> ² 8 (1880).
105	8/3/77	Handwritten card	Hübner to Blair	Response to request from Blair for copy of appendix to <i>CIL</i> 7.
106	3/5/77	Newspaper report	<i>Daily Journal</i>	Account of Blair's <i>SANT</i> paper on the leaden seals from South Shields, subsequently published in <i>AA</i> ² 8 (1880): Cf. also Blair's <i>Archaeologia</i> in Palace Green Library (Blair n.d.), which documents the help he

				received from Charles Roach Smith and others on leaden seals. Records that Bruce suggested a full account of the excavations needed to be presented.
107	n.d. 1877?	Handcopied extract	Blair, copied from <i>Addimenta ad CIL 7</i> (1876)	Publication of the inscriptions from South Shields, sent to Hübner by Blair (and Bruce). Explains why Blair wanted a copy (see card 8/3/77).
108	2/5/78	Newspaper report	Unattrib.	Hooppell delivered a paper on the excavations at South Shields at the Tyneside Naturalists' Field Club AGM (later published as Hooppell 1878). Issue of site preservation highlighted.
109	10/5/78	Newspaper report	<i>Daily News</i>	Records resolution of council of British Archaeological Association re: neglect of the site on the Lawe, and the importance of preserving it.
110	4/6/78	Newspaper report	<i>Newcastle Chronicle</i>	Refers to concern over preservation of site on the Lawe at national level. Resolution of <i>BAA</i> has been communicated to Town Council and MP, and will be discussed at the next Council meeting.
111	n.d. June 1878	Newspaper report	Unattrib.	Town Council Meeting (5/6?) on preservation of the Roman remains. Letters read from <i>BAA</i> , Library Committee, and Exploration Committee. Resolution passed to approach the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.
112	19/10/78, etc.	Various	Various	Material relating to the discovery of the 'Regina' tombstone.
113	11/78	Newspaper article	<i>Daily News</i> (material presumably provided by Blair)	Printed transcript of the South Shields inscriptions transcribed from <i>Addimenta ad CIL 7</i> . Exerpts from Blair/Hübner correspondence.
114	9/12/78	Newspaper report	<i>Gazette</i>	Text of paper Hooppell read to <i>BAA</i> on 'The Tenth Iter of Antonine' (delivered 4 December; published <i>JBAA</i> 36, 1880). Recognition of local interest in the work of the now well-known antiquarian.
115	January 1879	Newspaper report	Unattrib.	Blair exhibited several recent finds (including two small crosses, the figure of a bull, and an upside-down figure inscribed 'insidiis diabol') at the monthly meeting of <i>SANT</i> . Bruce expressed doubts.
116	7/2/79	Newspaper report	<i>Daily Journal</i>	'Early Christian Relics Discovered at South Shields'. Includes text of paper written by Hooppell for a meeting of <i>BAA</i> in London on 5 February, to accompany items sent by Blair to be exhibited. Hooppell endorsed them as genuine, and gave explanations why they might have been discovered there.

117	10/2/79	Newspaper report	<i>Gazette</i>	Includes text of piece from the London Daily News, reporting that 'relics' from South Shields were unmasked as 'impudent forgeries' at the recent meeting of BAA. <i>Gazette</i> joins in condemning the deceit.
118	Mostly 1878-9	Handwritten receipts & pocketbook entries	Blair, Mr Lyall Wilson	Items 'found' at South Shields, especially coins, bought and sold in quantities. Lyall Wilson seems to have profited from the local 'antiquities market'. Blair acquired many coins himself (and, much later, sold his collection to the Duke of Northumberland). Contributes to picture of the 'free-for-all' at the Lawe left exposed to looters and vandals after 1875-6, as described by Hooppell in his published account.
119	Mostly 1878-9	Sketches	Principally Blair, T. Vint & T.J. Bell	Many fine and detailed sketches recording finds from the excavations. Beautiful drawings of pottery fragments, perhaps intended for publication.
120	4/7/79	Published letter	'A Disgusted Burgess' to <i>Shields Gazette</i>	Evident animosity of some towards the Town Council, accused of continuing to neglect its duty to preserve the Roman remains.
121	31/10/79	Carbon copy of handwritten note	Blair to Greenwell	Enclosing sketch of a 'worked flint...found during the excavations...today'.
122	20/12/79	Published letter	T. Lincoln to <i>Gazette</i>	Suggests the Council 'kill two birds with one stone' by hiring men seasonally unemployed to clean up the 'unsightly heaps' on the excavation site, under the proper direction of Blair and Lyall, etc.
123	1877-81	Wax casts of intaglios	Blair etc.	Interspersed between newspaper reports dated April and May 1875. Recording the finds was evidently a long project for Blair and others.
124	3/6/80	Newspaper report	<i>Gazette</i>	'The Roman Remains and the People's Park': Records a debate at the meeting of the Town Council. Opposing views on the virtues of spending (more) money to create a park on the Lawe site, and on their duty to preserve the site at all. At length, a resolution emerged to approach 'a practical gardener' to discuss simply laying out the ground and making it usable.
125	1880	Published colour plate	Blair in AA ² 1880	Leaden seals included in Charles Roach Smith's <i>Collectanea Antiqua</i> Volume 7.
126	15/10/80	Newspaper article	Hooppell <i>Newcastle Courant</i>	Part of a series, 'Rambles of an Antiquary', which were also published as a book after Hooppell's

				death. Discusses Christian connotations of (genuine) finds from South Shields, a coin of Antoninus Pius from Ephesus, and the 'lead bullae or seals' which Blair had researched (cf. report 3/5/77)
127	22/10/80	Published letter	Blair to <i>Newcastle Courant</i>	Correcting a significant error in 'Antiquary's' article, on the date of the coin, which is third rather than second century AD.
128	22/10/80	Newspaper article	Hooppell <i>Newcastle Courant</i>	Postscript to earlier piece, gracefully correcting his mistake, but sticking to his early Christian theme.
129	17/2/81	Newspaper article	Unattrib.	Advertising lecture to be delivered by Dr Bruce at the Library, South Shields on Monday 21 February: 'Roman Coins: Their Artistic and Historic Value'. A poster for the same concludes the section of the scrapbook compiled by Blair himself. Library Committee are trying to raise funds to buy two privately owned collections of finds from the Lawe, which were nevertheless already displayed in the museum. Presumably items bought on the 'antiquities market'.
130	10/11/81	Newspaper report	<i>Gazette</i>	Meeting of the Town Council where it was resolved to apply to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for a further gift, of land adjoining the area on the Lawe which had already been enclosed.
131	27/11/81	Newspaper report	<i>Shields Gazette</i>	Quotes the text of a further 'Ramble' of Hooppell as 'Antiquary' to South Shields (<i>Courant</i> , 25 November). A very positive account of the Town Council's moves to preserve the existing gift of land from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Together with the hoped-for addition, 'it will be a great boon to the town [and] an important gain to archaeology'. Several constructive suggestions, and a little rhapsodising on 'the old Roman town' and 'the Roman city'. This is the last article in the section of Blair's scrapbook compiled by himself, giving the 'story' of the excavation a happy ending.
132	11/7/84	Newspaper report	Unattrib.	Record of paper read by Dr Bruce at monthly meeting of <i>SANT</i> 'On the recent discoveries in the Roman camp on the Lawe', published in <i>AA</i> ² 10 . The original manuscript, which must have been among Blair's papers, is included later in the scrapbook.

133	n.d.	Sketches	Blair	Drawings recording potters' marks.
134	1885	Published colour plate	Blair in <i>AA</i> ² 10	Drawings of 'Potters Names Found At South Shields', illustrating article by Bruce 'On the recent discoveries from the Roman Camp on the Lawe', 223.
135	20/10/85	Handwritten card	Hübner to Blair	Acknowledgement of some epigraphic information from Blair, confirming Blair's reading.
136	3/5/95	Printed <i>proforma</i> with handwritten addition	Secretary of London Antiquaries to Robert Blair, esq. FSA	Re 'Note on a Roman Altar found at South Shields' (<i>Sacrum Deae Brigantiae</i> , found April 1895) sent to the Society. With a network of antiquarian colleagues to consult, Blair continued to publish finds from South Shields (eg. a dedication to Aesclepius, and a bronze <i>patera</i>) throughout the 80s and 90s.