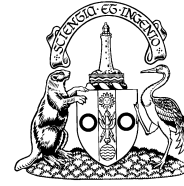

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The arrangements between the Institution and Scottish Borders Council Museum & Galleries Services to obtain the portrait of John Miller by Sir John Watson Gordon were duly completed in August 2002. The picture, on a long loan, now hangs in the students' long gallery, where a portrait (by the same artist) of his professional partner Thomas Grainger also hangs.

The Association for Industrial Archaeology had its annual conference at Heriot-Watt University during September 2002 and the Committee invited its members to join with Local Association members and other friends at a conversazione to view the updated Museum Collection. This event took place during the early evening of 6 September during which the Miller portrait was unveiled by Professor John Archer, Principal of Heriot-Watt University.

New exhibits are now handsomely displayed throughout the new School of the Built Environment. The suspension link from one of the anchorages of Menai Bridge on loan from the Welsh Assembly Government has been painted and is displayed along with the section of a McConnell Composite Beam in the former Building Engineering Building. Specially commissioned display panels for these and also for the Forth Bridge Skewback model greatly enhance viewers' understanding of the history, location and structural purpose of the items.

A sliver from a length of cast-iron plate-rail from the Kilmarnock & Troon Railway (1811-46) held by the museum was presented to the Dick Institute in Kilmarnock. This was reported in the ICE *East of Scotland News* in February 2002.

In the coming year it is hoped to photograph each item in the collection and add these to the catalogue. Thought will also be given distributing the catalogue on CD and also perhaps on the Web.

The collection is on permanent display in the School of the Built Environment at the Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton. Anyone wishing to see it will be most welcome.

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