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UNIVERSITY PROVIDES NEW HOME FOR MUSEUM COLLECTION

Dr Edmund Hambly, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, on 23 November 1994 inaugurated the new home at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, of the Museum Collection of the Institution's Edinburgh and East of Scotland Association.

This collection of historical artefacts associated with civil engineers is now on permanent display in the Department of Civil and Offshore Engineering at Heriot-Watt's modern campus at Riccarton, Edinburgh. The collection was founded in 1971 by Mr Charles Roe, at that time chairman of the local Association, with several items from the late J M Mackintosh, MBE. Initially stored and curated under a loan agreement with The Royal Scottish Museum from 1972 the collection also benefited from major donations of instruments and other items from Edinburgh City Engineer's Department in 1973 and from consulting engineers Carfrae & Morrison in 1977. The collection was transferred in 1990 to Heriot-Watt University where 130 items are now on permanent display.

A description of the exhibition by Professor Roland Paxton, since 1986 chairman of the Museum Committee, is attached.

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