

Supplementary materials for ‘Spectral authenticity and the fate of the Stone of Destiny’

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Archival Sources

Of the multiple archives that SF has consulted over 2023 to 2025 (Kay Matheson, Gairloch Museum; National Record of Scotland; Scottish Political Archive; University of St Andrews Special Collections; Westminster Abbey; and limited (open files) Historic Environment Scotland), the following sources are identified as the most relevant in relation to authenticity.

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Ethnographic Interviews

The interviews listed in **bold** are those we have referred to in our text. They are a selected subset of interviews that Foster conducted with staff and visitors at and around Westminster Abbey, Edinburgh Castle, Perth Museum, Scone Abbey, people involved with the Stone in some way (1951 to present, including events of 1996) and related workshops:

- Friends of Scone Palace (n4). Informal group. 24 October 2024.
- Perth St Ninian’s Primary School (n23). Perth Museum. 15 June 2023. Collaboration with Perth Museum.
- Perth Women’s Collective (n8). University of Stirling, 28 October 2024.
- Perth Youth Collective (n2). Perth Museum, 2 December 2024. (Siân Jones kindly stood in for Foster, who was ill). Collaboration with Perth Museum.

Scone Reminiscence Group (n13). Scone Library. 3 May 2023. Collaboration with Perth Museum.

The Stone of Scone: Future Destinies Workshop (n3). University of Stirling, 23 September 2023. Collaboration with Niklasson and Perth Museum.

Participant observation took place at all the places and workshops listed above.

Edinburgh Castle

Stewards (n4). Interviews 3 and 10 November 2023.

Visitors to Crown Room (n22). Interviews 27 October, 3 and 10 November 2023.

Historic Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland staff

Breeze, David. Former Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments. Interview, Edinburgh, 19 September 2022.

Brooks, Mike. Former photographer. Interview, Edinburgh, 4 August 2022.

Gordon, Stephen. Former Senior Stone Conservator. Interview, Kirkton Manor, 21 July 2022.

Munro, Graeme. Former Chief Executive of HS in 1996. Interview, Edinburgh, 26 July 2022.

Richmond, Kathy. Head of Collections and Applied Conservation. Interview 25 August 2023.

Troy, Arthur. Interview 26 September 2022.

Welder, Richard. Former equivalent of head of collections in 1996. Interview, Peebles, 21 July 2022.

Perth Museum

Edward, Gillian. Head Teacher, St Ninian's Primary School, Perth. Interview, Teams, 28 June 2023. Following workshop at Museum.

Hall, Mark. Curator. Interview 7 October 2024.

Visitor Experience Assistants (n4). Interviews 4–5 October 2024.

Visitors (n17). Interviews 4–5, 7 October 2024.

Scone Palace

Brannigan, Stephen. Scone Palace Manager. Interview 6 July 2023.

Hunter, Richard. Scone Palace Archivist. Interview 19 September 2023.

Mansfield, Sophie. Interview 2 June 2023.

Stormont, William. Interview 2 June 2023.

Tour guides (n2). Interviews on 26 July 2023, 23 October 2023.

Visitors (n18). Interviews on 26–27 July; 7–8, 10 August 2023.

Westminster Abbey

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Gibb, Diane Marie. Former museum co-ordinator for Westminster Abbey Museum. Interview, Northwold, 14 July 2022.

Hutt, David. Former Sub-Dean, Westminster Abbey in 1996. Interview, phone, 7 October 2022.

Rodwell, Warwick. Westminster Abbey Archaeologist. Interview, Northwold, 14 July 2022.

Trowles, Tony. Head of Abbey Collection and Librarian. Interview 20 June 2022 and 9 April 2024.

Wilkinson, James. Former chorister; volunteer; editor of Westminster Review. Interview, Barnes, 24 June 2022.

Other:

Caldwell, David. Former Keeper of History and Applied Art, National Museums Scotland. Interview, Burntisland, 14 September 2023.

Hansen, Lys. Artist; at school in Scone Palace in 1951. Interview, Blairlogie, 7 June 2023.

Hamilton, Jamie. Son of Ian Hamilton, leader of the group who took the Stone from Westminster Abbey in 1950. Interview, The Stone of Scone: Future Destinies Workshop, University of Stirling, 23 September 2023.

‘Jean’. Nationalist activist from 1950 onwards. Interview, The Stone of Scone: Future Destinies Workshop, University of Stirling, 23 September 2023.

Lawton, Ken. Grandson of Tam Smith. Interview, Teams, 27 July 2024.

Licznerski, Bob. Former police officer in operational planning. Interview, Edinburgh, 30 September 2022.

MacDonald, Rona. Daughter of Angus and Sheila McIntosh. Interview, Glasgow, 1 July 2025.

MacQueen, Colin Hunter. Former apprentice with Robert Gray in 1960/61. Interview, Glasgow, 25 November 2024.

Morrow, Joe. Lord Lyon. Interview 24 October 2023.

Roads, Elizabeth. Former Lyon Clerk – Keeper of the Record in 1996. Interview, Stirling, 9 May 2023.

Published Sources

The sources listed here are those identified as being most directly pertinent to the questions addressed in this essay. A wider range of sources has been explored as part of Foster’s project *Authenticity’s Child* and Niklasson’s project *The Heritage of Scottish Independence*, which have provided a broader context for the authors’ understanding.

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SF reviewed manually an estimated 700-plus newspaper sources located in any accessible Scottish Government files for the Stone of Destiny in the National Records of Scotland (included press cutting files for 1950/51 and 1996), the Kay Matheson Archive in Gairloch Museum, Westminster Abbey Archives, the personal files of Richard Welander, and of Norman Atkinson, as well as selected queries in the online British Newspaper Archive, National Library of Scotland, and further examples in online searches. SF also reviewed the British Newspaper Archives for references to 'cludgie stane' and 'cesspit cover' and could find no references pre-dating 1996.

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Curious Find. A Letter from Dunsinane' circulates in newspapers between 1 January and 27 March 1819:

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- Sun (London)*, 1 Jan 1819
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Det Inspector Owen McGrath

For Kin and Country (W W)

Hae a mindin o't

John McCorbie

Leezie Lindsay, 1950 (H Ramsey)

Noo Sherlock Holmes

On the Asportation of the Scone Stone (Hugh McDairmid)

Òran na Cloiche *not in Sangs o' the Stane* [in Gaelic, English translation here:

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Slainte Destinie-O (Morris Blythman)

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