

Thomas Chambers Collection		
Box	Item	Description
1	1	Notebook. Cover title: "Racing and Poetry, Lectures and Hasbeens". Contents: from front: P1: notes for a lecture "For CTC 1946". P4: "When I started my first 12 hours race". P5: Club 100 records. [P14]: Poetry lecture CTC 1947. From back: P1: dated 4/11/46 names and addresses to [p3] Has Beens from 3/2/47 to 21/5/52 lists of names [presumable participants in races].
1	2	Card. c 5 x 3 inches. Handwritten on both sides. Itineraries of journeys through Ireland. No date.
1	3	Notebook. C 4 x 7 inches. A journal of most of 1940 with stories, anecdotes and bits of information.
1	4	"Cycling" Profile Roadbook of Great Britain [1930]. Contains 'profile' plans of the leading main routes through the country.
1	5	Geographia Road Atlas and Route Guide. No. 6: Ireland.
1	6	Bartholemews Touring Atlas of the British Isles. 1923. [10 mile:1 inch] "specially prepared for cyclists, motorists and travellers".
1	7	A Scrapbook. Dated [inside front cover] 1953. Contains mainly press cuttings of cyclists and cycling matters covering a period from 1953 to c1977 from newspapers and cycling magazines. As well as notices of friends and acquaintances of Mr. Chambers', there are also clippings about himself particularly his record-setting annual and cumulative mileage totals. The scrapbook contains also photographs from magazines of views and not a few cartoons from newspapers on cycling themes. There are also a few poems, some dedicated to Mr. Chambers and signed by their authors.
1	8	A Scrapbook. Dated [inside cover] 1922. Titled "Cycling; Kinning Park CC; Douglas CC; and Cyclists Touring Club. Contains newspaper cuttings mainly of views, some with cyclists, bikes etc.; also clippings of race results in which Mr. Chambers took part; also a few photgraphs of cyclists with their names added.
1	9	A Scrapbook. Dated [inside front cover] 1st January 1936. Contains newspaper clippings of cyclists and cycling matters and a few loose photographs. Loose, inside the back cover, papers giving mileage totals expenses, tours etc. though none of these dated.

1	10	Scots Magazine, February 1977. Issue which includes on page 501 an article entitled "You must have seen Tam" about Tommy Chambers. Written and photographed by Alan Thomson.
1	11	A Notebook. Collins portable diary for 1918 containing quotations, mottoes etc.
1	12	A Plastic Wallet. C. 10" x 6". Containing: (a) Leaves from a calendar, each with a motto. (b) A notebook, numbered from p. 27 to 30, then 36, 37, then 42 to 53, containing sayings. p. 54: description of threads and measurement of same. p. 55-72: sayings, then p. 80 and 84 sayings. p. 84: headed A. Baxter, notes (possibly for a talk on A. Baxter). p. 95: general notes. p. 96: receipt for fizzy drinks; also family notes on David and Agnes Chambers 1919. p. 101: "to make a speaking connection" and "night lights". Instructions for making both of the above. Then p. 7 a list of items bought, dates and prices in 1923/4. p. 78: sayings.
1	13	A Notebook. A diary of itineraries and expenses for tours 1938-1941.
1	14	Douglas Cycling Club Membership Cards. 4 booklets covering the years 1927-1930. The booklets contain Rules, Racing and Regulations and the back page forms a membership card.
1	15	Douglas Cycling Club Meetings Cards. 7 booklets for the years 1925 -1931. Contains details of club Runs and Races, meeting places.
1	16	Cycling Club Cards. 3 cards: 1926 Border City Wheelers. Runs card; 1967 Ayr Roads Cycling Club. Rules; n.d. Douglas Cycling Club. Runs; Also handwritten card (5" x 3") of Mr. Chambers' personal times in particular races. Covers the years 1924-26.
1	17	Cyclists Touring Club Membership Cards. Covering the years 1923 to 1957.
1	18	3 Cards. 2 x entry card, regulations , route, feeding stations etc. for Dundee Road Cycling Club 12 hours race. n.d.; 1 x membership card for Kinning Park Socialist Cycling Club 1921.
1	19	Tours Expenses. 2 copies (original + carbon) 3 sheets of typing paper. P1: Tours expenses 1923- 1959; giving days miles, places, costs. P2: Bicycle replacements to 1958. Parts itemised (total figure given up to 1952, thereafter annual figures to 1958) Annual mileages 1923-58. P3: Annual tally of equipment expenses (total up to 1952, then annually to 1958, then all totalled.

1	20	<p>7 photographs. None of them captioned, but :-</p> <p>(a) Group of older Gentlemen - probably "Has-Beens" or 300,000 milers at a reunion.</p> <p>(b) Group of cyclists at a "drum-up".</p> <p>(c) Lone cyclist, with his bike at a signpost in John o' Groats. (T. Chambers himself).</p> <p>(d) Tree, growing into the trunk of which are parts of old bikes and other bits of metal. The whole being studied by a gentleman.</p> <p>(e) Scottish Veterans Time Trials Association Certificate.</p> <p>3 copies, two 5" x 3", the other slightly larger, of the certificate presented to Mr. Chambers. A record for 12 hour race for 60 years old of 217 miles 1238 yds. on Lomond Roads set on 19th August 1962.</p>
1	21	National Clarion Cycling Club Membership Certificate.
1	22	"Lecture Notes". From January 1976. Containing 9 cards, assorted sizes, each bearing headings of prompt notes, not expanded lectures.
1	23	"Notes on Burns". From January 1976. 19 cards and scraps of paper, bearing as above, headings and prompt notes for Burns lectures.
1	24	<p>"Poetry". From January 1976. Poem 1: "3-2-1-Go" by Archie McDonald</p> <p>2: "Forever Amber" by R.H. Hodgskin</p> <p>These two copied in Mr. Chambers' own handwriting.</p> <p>3: A poem - to "Tammis" from "Bill" affirming friendship and written in the same style as "to a mouse".</p> <p>4: Scraps of letters in similar handwriting as above, containing poems "Tis not the road to Glasgow town" and "Auld Scotland ne'er again shoult gie" and "In the gloom o the winter's aftrenane".</p> <p>5: A Christmas card from "Madge, Fred and David", on the back of which is a poem "Where do the winds start? I don't know".</p> <p>6: Two scraps of a letter from "Bill" containing a poem "Coo-coo he called to me cuckoo".</p> <p>7: Another scrap of a letter with a poem "I was fed full with bliss beyond my dessert".</p> <p>8: Typescript "The naughty Ne'erday" from "Elsie. B." 9: Typescript on green paper "Heather Jock".</p>

1	25	Two Autograph Books. "On the occasion of the presentation to Tommy Chambers. 12th September 1966" Signed presumably by those present at the presentation. "Centenary celebration 'H.B.'s. Sloans Restaurant, Glasgow. 1971. Again signed, presumably by those present.
1	26	Plan of Glasgow. Produced by City of Glasgow Transport, n.d.
2	27	<p>A Set of Notebooks. "Cycling diaries" covering the years 1923-71 inclusive.</p> <p>1925-42 notebooks are "Cyclist's diary for that year (c 4" x 2 1/2") Entries are brief, restricted to routes and itineraries. The back pocket of the diaries contain receipts for accommodation, spares, etc. as well as pieces of paper detailing and totalling expenditure for the year.</p> <p>1943-71 notebooks are assorted, generally 6" x 4"; 1, 2 or three for each year. Arrangement:</p> <p>From front -</p> <p>Entries for each cycling day (almost every day) giving itineraries with daily, weekly and annual mileage totals.</p> <p>Each year several tours itemised separately, "Fair", Easter etc. Some comments on "drum-ups", meals, bike performance, overnight accommodation, people met, weather , passing comments on places and views. Also some receipts for parts and accommodation, food etc. pasted on to pages.</p> <p>From back -</p> <p>Detailed, itemised list of expenses, parts, accommodation, etc. Front cover -</p> <p>Pasted on to front cover a small piece of paper on which is marked a running tally of punctures and "centuries".</p>
3	28	Newspaper. The Peoples Journal July 9th 1966. On p. 6 long article on T. Chambers entitled "15,000 miles a year by bicycle". Folded inside; a 5" x 7" photograph of Mr. Chambers [taken c.1970].
3	29	Charts. Mileage charts supplied by "Cycling" magazine and completed by Mr. Chambers for the years 1923-1972 (incomplete).
3	30	Fraternity of 300,000 Milers. 11 Banda sheets of league table of mileages of members of fraternity, for the years 1963, 1964, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980. 3 sheets, not dated, obviously circulated ot members along with mileage charts.
3	31	4 photographs. 4 photographs 10" x 8".

3	32	<p>Letters. (a) n.d. From Benny Deas. Paper embossed "Skipton, Yorkshire", in pencil, handwritten, re a trip recently made. Signed "Benny". re a trip recently made. signed "Benny".</p> <p>(b) n.d. From McPherson, DCC. p. 3 only of a letter, on DCC Card. Handwritten, in pencil, re a visit to London. Signed "Mac".</p> <p>(c) n.d. From Jock Martin, 29, Mclean Street, Plantation, Glasgow. Addressed "Dear K". Handwritten in ink. re arrangements for a race. signed "J.R. Martin"</p> <p>(d) n.d. From R McCutcheon, 15, Main Street, Plean, Stirlingshire. Handwritten in ink. re thanks for a holiday.</p> <p>(e) n.d. From Edmond Green, Anvil Cottage, Ambleside. 1 Page, typescript. re Thanks for card to "Ma" Braithwaite + general matters. Signed "Ed".</p> <p>(f) n.d. No indication of author. p.3 only of a letter. Handwritten in ballpoint. re general news; also a poem. "Come fortune, come famine, however we fare".</p> <p>(g) 24th May 1927. From McPherson. On Douglas CC writing paper. Handwritten in ink. re apology for misunderstanding. Signed "Mac". (I1 1 111' .J1111c , 1927. From c.b. Monaghan.</p> <p>(h) 7th June, 1928. From c.b. Monaghan. On Lancashire Road Club writing paper. re Arrangements for Open 12 hours race.</p> <p>(i) 27th Dec. 1928. From George Nelson, Secretary of the Roads Records Association of Scotland, 519 Edinburgh Road, Glasgow.</p> <p>(j) On RRA Headed writing paper, this is a carbon copy, marked private and confidential. re: Letter is a list of records for 1926.</p>
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3	32	<p>(k) 27th July 1930. From D. Sinnott, 12 Waterloo Place, Waterloo , by Wishaw. 1 sheet, on pink paper, handwritten in pencil re details for "Motherwell 50" (50 mile race)</p> <p>(l) 23rd Aug. 1930. From D McKellar. On Douglas CC paper. Handwritten in ballpoint. re Request for Mr. Chambers to deliver his Burns lecture to Douglas C.C. in January 1931.</p> <p>(m) 3rd Sept 1930. From David G Cuthill, Glen Cottage, Clatto By Dundee. Handwritten in ink. re Arrangements for some long race.</p> <p>(n) 4th Sept. 1930. From David G Cuthill, Racing secretary, Dundee Roads Cycling Club. re Further arrangements for the race.</p> <p>(o) 8th Oct. 1930. From W. Smith, Racing Secretary, Motherwell Cycling Club. This is a 'banda' copy, though names and signatures are handwritten. re 'Open 50', it's abandonment and arrangements for it to be re-run.</p> <p>(p) 15th Dec. 1932. From G. Herbert Stancer, Secretary, Cyclists Touring Club. Typed. re Reply to a query about use of tar on roads.</p> <p>(q) 27th June 1933. From Chic Moncur, 8, Balmore Street, Dundee, Angus. Handwritten in ink. re Attempt on some long distance record.</p> <p>(r) July 11th 1951. From G Herbert Stancer , Lyncroft", Packhouse Road, Gerrards Cross.Bucks. Handwritten in ink. re Thank You note for loan of statistical records - used for an article in "Cycling".</p>
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3	32	<p>(s) April 6th 1971. From Rex Coley, Touring advisor, "Cycling" magazine. Typewritten. re Proposed article on Fraternity of 300,000 milers and requesting special contribution from Mr. Chambers.</p> <p>(t) January 1st. 1972. From Nelson Smillie, Flat 1, 20 Musgrave Street. West End, Brisbane. Handwritten in ballpoint. 4 sheets of airmail paper. re Clipping from Daily Express and recalling two occasions when the writer and Mr. Chambers met "on the road".</p> <p>(u) 16th January 1973. From "Wyn", Carter Bar, 51 Douglas Avenue, Eleanor, Derbyshire. Handwritten in ink. re thank you note for hospitality during a visit.</p> <p>(v) 22nd December. From Mae Evans, 415 Church Road, Bolton, 2 xerox copies of a letter, typed on Lancashire Road Club notepaper. Re Apology for not sending Mr. Chambers and invitation to a dinner.</p> <p>(w) , 1 (w) 4th September 1974. From Peter Knottley, 2 Dallas Court, Cheam, Surrey. Typewritten on "Cycling" magazine notepaper. re Mr. Chambers' mileage totals - what are they currently?</p> <p>(x) 29th April 1978 From Alan Menzies, 27 Blair Drive, Milton of Carnpsie. On Glasgow College of Technology notepaper, though headings are scored through. re A plastic bag.</p>
3	32	<p>(y) 18th February 1977 From F.E. Fletcher, 22, Grove Gardens, Market Drayton, Salop. Typewritten on both sides of the paper. re 300,000 Milers and Mr. Chambers' totals 799,405 in 51 years Signed "Frank". Attached - an adding machine receipt with mileage totals.</p> <p>(z) 26th March 1977 from H.H. Willis, "Parkend", Millford Road, Elslead, Goldaming, Surrey on Southern Veteran Cycle Club notepaper. Handwritten in ink. re Suggested arrangements for the care and storage of Mr. Chambers' records.</p> <p>(az) 11th July 1977. From Jim Cunningham, 12700 Elliott Ave, El Monte California. An air mail letter re Cycling recollections prompted by the "Scots magazine" article on Mr. Chambers.</p> <p>(bz) 23rd August 1978. From Dan Rogers, c/o Hughes, R.R. 3., Fenwick Ontario. Handwritten in ink. re as above.</p>

3	32	<p>(cz) 20th September 1979. From Alexander Stephen Ladley, 3. Old Hall, Rectory Road, Upton-upon-Severn, Worcestershire. Headed notepaper of a.s. Ladley, Engineers. re Gifting of a copy of the works of Robert Burns to Mr. Chambers + general chat.</p> <p>(dz) 29th April 1982. From Dennis Donovan, Assistant Editor . "Cycling" magazine. Headed notepaper, "Cycling" magazine to Mr. T. F. Mitchell re collection of T. Chambers material. (ez) 4th May 1982 From E Carmichael to SPV Brady, 307 Moor Green Lane, Birmingham. Typewritten draft of a letter seeking address of the Southern Veterans Cycling Assn,.</p> <p>(fz) 14th Sept. 1982. from Margaret Beattie, Social Worker. The Victoria Infirmary, to Rare Books Dept. The Mitchell Library. Enclosing some of Mr. Chambers' papers. (Item 37)</p> <p>(gz) 16th September 1982 flimsy copy of reply from Linn, R.B. to above.</p>
3	33	A collection of papers. Papers re, Races, invitation to 12 hour and 24 hour races, results, route maps, notes of feeding stations, etc.; mostly not dated and difficult to identify accurately.
3	34	Extracts from The Scottish Cycling News. All are articles on weekend tours, by T. Chambers. As follows: Dec. 7th 1936, Ken Bridge and Monieive; Dec. 14th 1936, Loch Striven, Loch Ridden and Loch Fyne; Dec. 21st 1936, Haddinton and Dunbar; Feb. 1st 1937, Eskdalemuir; Sept. 20th 1938, page 10 of Scottish Cycling News, though no article signed by Mr. Chambers.
3	35	Collection of clippings. Containing newspaper and magazine clippings - mainly from "Cycling" Magazine and all but one (on Bing Crosby) on cycling matters.
3	36	Lecture: 'Idle Thoughts of and Idle Cyclist'. 58 pages, 5" x 12" loose. Signed T. Chambers 1935. Contains reflections on places visited, anecdotes on cyclists and cycling matters.
3	37	Papers forwarded to the Mitchell Library. On 14th September 1982, from the Victoria Infirmary: (a): Premium receipt book from Scottish Legal Life Assurance Society. Inside the back cover, a claim form on the policy. (b). An insurance policy on the life of Agnes Chambers, with note attached. (c). Handwritten paper giving names and birth dates of 'the family of David Chambers and Janet McAdam', presumably Mr. Chambers' grandparents. (c). Certificate of apprenticeship for Mr. Chambers as fitter 1916 -21.
Maps	1	Bartholomew's 1/4" map of Ireland. 1961 edition. Sheet 2: Dublin and Roscommon. Sheet 3: Wexford and Tipperary. Sheet 4: Cork and Killarney. Sheet 5: Galway and Mayo.

Maps	2	Bartholomew's 1/4" map of Ireland. Sheet 2: Belfast and N.E. Counties. Marked by T. Chambers 'June 1934'. Sheet 4: Limerick and Shannon. Marked by T. Chambers 'C.T.C.' Sheet 6: Dublin and Athlone. Marked by T. Chambers '1936'.
Maps	3	Bartholomew's 1/4" map of Ireland (new series). Sheet 1: Antrim and Donegal. Marked by T. Chambers '1950 C.T.C.' Sheet 5: Galway and May. Marked by T. Chambers '1950 C.T.C.'
Maps	4	Bartholomew's 1/4" map of Scotland. Sheet 1: Sutherland and Caithness. Marked by T. Chambers 'C.T.C. Jun 1935'. Sheet 2: Inverness and Skye. Marked by T. Chambers 'Douglas C.C.' Sheet 3: Aberdeen and the Grampians. Marked by T. Chambers 'Douglas C.C. 1930'.
Maps	5	Bartholomew's new reduced survey maps 1/2" to one mile. Sheet 2: South Northumberland. Marked by T. Chambers '13/10/47'. Sheet 4: Ayr and Clydesdale. Marked by T. Chambers 'Douglas C.C. 19/9/29'. Sheet 8: Edinburgh to Glasgow. Marked by T. Chambers 'March 1937'. Sheet 11: Oban District. Marked by T. Chambers 'Douglas C.C. 1931'. Sheet 14: Mallaig. Presented by T. Chambers 7/1/85. Sheet 15: Caledonian Canal. Presented by T. Chambers 7/1/85. Sheet 16 Braemar and Blair Athole. Presented by T. Chambers 7/1/85. Sheet 17: Aberdeen and Deeside. Marked by T. Chambers '24/6/42'. Sheet 21: Inverness and Spey. Marked by T. Chambers 'Douglas C.C. 1929'.
Maps	6	Bartholomew's revised half inch maps. Sheet 2: The Solway. Presented by T. Chambers 7/1/85. Sheet 3: Arran and Lower Clyde. Marked by T. Chambers '13/10/47'. Sheet 5: Border Country. Marked by T. Chambers 'Douglas C.C.' Sheet 6: Islay and Jura. Marked by T. Chambers 'C.T.C 3/34'. Sheet 14/15: Arisaig and Lochaber. Presented by T. Chambers 7/1/85.
Maps	7	Bartholomew's 4 miles: 1 inch road map of England and Wales. Sheet 3: York. Sheet 4: North Wales. Marked by T. Chambers 'Douglas C.C. 1931'. Sheet 5: Stafford. Marked by T. Chambers 'Douglas C.C. 1930'.
Maps	8	Bartholomew's 1/4" automobile map of Great Britain. Sheet 2: Dingwall - Portree. Sheet 9: Newcastle - Carlisle. Marked by T. Chambers '10/9/42 C.T.C.' Sheet 11: York - Darlington. Marked by T. Chambers '10/9/42 C.T.C.' Sheet 16: Peterborough - Norwich. Marked by T. Chambers. Sheet 18: Oxford - Bristol. Marked by T. Chambers '1/1/37 C.T.C.' Sheet 19: London Northwards. Marked by T. Chambers. Sheet 21: Pottsmouth - Salisbury. Marked by T. Chambers 'C.T.C.' Sheet 22: London Southwards.
Maps	9	Bartholomew's reduced survey map of the Lake District, 3 miles:1 inch. Marked by T. Chambers 'March 1930 Douglas C.C.'

Maps	10	Royal Automobile Club 1/4" map of England and Wales. Sheet 5: E. Central England. Sheet 7: Lancs & Yorks. Marked by T. Chambers '10/9/42 C.T.C.' Sheet 9: The Borders.
Maps	11	Ordnance Survey tourist map of the Lake District 1925. 1 inch:1 mile. Marked by T. Chambers 'C.T.C. 23/10/47' 'from Christie Monachan'.
Maps	12	Ordnance Survey 1/4":1 mile. Sheet 4: Glasgow, Oban & the Southern Islands. Sheet 10: South-West England. Marked by T. Chambers 'Second Time 1952'.
Maps	13	Ordnance Survey map of Ayr & District 1":1 mile. Marked by T. Chambers 'C.T.C. 1939'.
Maps	14	Geographia large scale map of Peak District and Derby Dales, 5 miles:1 inch. Marked by T. Chambers 'Buxton 1959'.
Maps	15	Geographia main roads map of England and Wales, 12 miles:1 inch. With index.
Maps	16	Rep Zip Motorists road map of England and South Scotland, 16 miles:1 inch.
Maps	17	Scottish Youth Hostel Association touring map of Scotland 1955, 1/12":1 mile.
Maps	18	Gall and Inglis tourist maps of Scotland, 1/2":1 mile. Sheet 71B: Brachin, Edzell and Montrose District. Marked by T. Chambers.
Maps	19	Michelin map of the British Isles 3.15 miles to the inch. Sheet 29: Limerick - Dingle. Marked by T. Chambers, 1939.
Maps	20	Bacon's county map of Yorkshire, 5 miles:1". Marked by T. Chambers "Douglas C.C."