

**P220 Hymns of Sir William Sinclair  
RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1741/P220  
Alternative reference number:  
Title: Hymns of Sir William Sinclair  
Dates of creation: c.1912  
Level of description: Fonds  
Extent: 3 papers  
Format: Paper

**RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: James Mearns

Administrative history:

Sir William Sinclair was founder of the first Baptist Church in Keiss.

When the Glenorchy family broke up and sold their large holdings in Caithness from 1710 onwards Keiss Castle and estate was purchased by Sir William Sinclair second Baronet of Dunbeath. In 1752 some years after acquiring Keiss Sir William sold his interests in Dunbeath from which the family derive their title and thereafter Keiss became his family seat. Sir William was a man of deep piety and having embraced Baptist views was formally baptised in London and admitted a member of that denomination. He founded the first Baptist church in Scotland at Keiss in 1750. Sir William preached regularly to his newly founded congregation often holding the services in the castle. He composed and published a collection of about sixty hymns which were used in praise by his baptist adherents.

Custodial history:

**RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description: Newspaper article and letter regarding Sir William Sinclair's hymns

Appraisal:

Accruals:

## **RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE**

Access: open

Closed until:

Access conditions:

Copying: Copying permitted within standard  
Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: October 2011

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P220/1	Newspaper cutting and letter from James Mearns, Rushden Vicarage, Buntingford, Herts., regarding the hymns of Sir William Sinclair [3 papers]	c.1912