

## **P366 London Caithness Association Papers**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: P366

Alternative reference number:

Title: London Caithness Association Papers

Dates of creation: 1852-2005

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 6 boxes

Format: Paper

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: London Caithness Association

Administrative history: The objects of the Association were as follows:-

1. To promote friendly intercourse between natives of Caithness resident in or near London.
2. To afford all possible facility for the formation and maintenance of beneficial connections and habits by young natives of Caithness on and after their arrival in the Metropolis.
3. To assist by every means in its power natives of Caithness and their dependants residing in or near London, who may stand in need of such assistance, whether members of the Association or not.
4. To cultivate and preserve a knowledge of the history, traditions, customs, etc. of the County.

The first meeting of the association took place in the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham St. in the City of London, on the evening of Thursday 7th February, at 8pm. The purpose of the meeting was to take into consideration "the propriety of instituting a London Caithness Association. The prime mover behind this project was Mr Hugh George, a native of Wick, a journalist on the staff of the Times, who with fifteen other Caithness men in the

Metropolis, had, some little time before, come together to help a known and respected Caithness man who had got into some trouble.

Forming themselves into a Committee, they had had the satisfaction of enabling him to get out of his difficulties. They had so enjoyed their meetings, that when their particular object was accomplished, they proposed that instead of disbanding, they should carry on the good work, and help any other fellow-Caithnessian who might have fallen on hard times in the big city. Mr George and his friends were also very much concerned at the difficulties and temptations facing young Caithness men coming to work in London, who might need assistance in finding work, or the advice and good counsel of older men, who would make it their aim to "introduce young Caithnessians to good moral society".

This was not the first Association for Caithness exiles, there being already in existence similar societies both in Edinburgh and in Glasgow, and indeed a Mr Levack, then President of the latter, sent congratulations to those who had been inspired to convene the meeting. It was, however, a new departure for London, Caithness now setting an example to other counties, but some years were to elapse before others followed suit.

The final meeting of the London Caithness Association was held on 5 September 2003 at the Royal Scottish Corporation Hall, Covent Garden, London. 28 members and associate members attended the final meeting with a meal laid on for the occasion. President of the association Janet Reeve and the vice president had visited Caithness to present cheques to organisations they had supported over many years such as local lifeboats stations and homes. This was way of disbursing the remaining funds of the association. Various groups received a cheque for £1000 each. In addition the association had a Caithness chair made and presented to Prince Charles at the

Mey games in memory of his grandmother who had been a patron of the association. The chair will be kept at the Castle of Mey

The London Caithness Association has for many years been the last of the London Scottish Associations set up in the nineteenth century to aid Scots moving south to the capital for mainly economic reasons. The associations like London Caithness often proved help to people in poor circumstances or aided folk during the two big wars as well as sending numerous donations to Caithness charities. It provided social contacts for many folk from the county over all those years. In more recent times the associations have finally succumbed to the fact that younger folk were not as interested in this type of activity as in the past. Running from 1856 to 2003 is an incredible record.

Taken from the following link:

[www.caithness.org/community/caithness\\_exiles/londoncaithness/index.html](http://www.caithness.org/community/caithness_exiles/londoncaithness/index.html)

Custodial history:

Deposited with us when the Association folded

## **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description:

Minute books, financial records, records of events and correspondence

Appraisal:

Accruals:

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

Access:

Open

Closed until:

Access conditions:

Available within the Archive searchroom

Copying:

Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids:

Available in Archive searchroom

## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

Related material:

P324 Glasgow Caithness Association  
P294 Glasgow Caithness Association  
P267 Edinburgh Caithness Association

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue:

May 2012

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<b>P366</b>	<b>London Caithness Association Papers</b>	
<b>P366/1</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>1888-2003</b>
P366/1/1	Minute book [1 volume]	1929-1949
P366/1/2	Minute book [1 volume]	1949-1959
P366/1/3	Minute book [1 volume]	1959-1980
P366/1/4	Minute book [1 volume]	1980-2003
P366/1/5	Minute Book of the Joint Committee of the London Caithness, London Inverness-shire, London Ross & Cromarty and the London Sutherland Associations [1 volume]	1888-1902
P366/1/6	Annual general meeting reports, agendas and minutes [1 folder]	1951-1974
P366/1/7	Agendas [8 sheets]	1991-1994
P366/1/8	Centenary Committee reports [5 sheets]	1955
P366/1/9	Notebook with members' details and annual subscriptions [1 small volume]	1982-2001
P366/1/10	Cash book with names of members [1 volume]	1990-2001
P366/1/11	Treasurer's reports and membership lists [1 bundle]	1983-1993
P366/1/12	Notebook of member contact details [1 notebook]	n.d.
P366/1/13	Members' address book [1 small volume]	n.d.
P366/1/14	Loose leaf bundle of member contact details [1 bundle]	n.d.
<b>P366/2</b>	<b>Financial Records</b>	<b>1922-2002</b>

P366/2/1	Cash book [1 volume]	1954-1983
P366/2/2	Cash register with details of income [1 volume]	1983-1990
P366/2/3	Cash register [1 volume]	1958-1970
P366/2/4	Record of income and expenditure [1 volume]	1977-2001
P366/2/5	Statements of Account for year ends [1 bundle]	1955-1996
P366/2/6	Bundle of condensed statements of accounts for year ends with correspondence [1 bundle]	1922-1970
P366/2/7	Bundle of bank statements from the Royal Bank of Scotland [1 bundle]	1963-1972
P366/2/8	Bundle of bank statements from the Royal Bank of Scotland [1 bundle]	1980-1984
P366/2/9	Bundle of bank statements from the Royal Bank of Scotland [1 bundle]	1985-1992
P366/2/10	Bundle of bank statements from the Royal Bank of Scotland [1 bundle]	1993-1996
P366/2/11	London Caithness Association bank statements [1 bundle]	1996-2005
P366/2/12	Folder of analyses of expenses, records of movement of funds and details of donations made by the Association [1 folder]	1998-2002
P366/2/13	Bundle of correspondence between Bank of Scotland. Investment Group and the London Caithness Association regarding 6% funding stock bought by the association [1 bundle]	1977-1993
P366/2/14	Financial correspondence [1 folder]	1992-2002
P366/2/15	Petty cash and other vouchers [5 bundles]	1980-1999
P366/2/16	Vouchers and receipts [1 folder]	1982-1995
P366/2/17	Rough handwritten statements of accounts [1 bundle]	1984-1995
P366/2/18	Pay in book stubs and bank giro credit books [13 small booklets]	1976-1996
<b>P366/3</b>	<b>Scrapbooks and Events</b>	<b>1948-2003</b>
P366/3/1	Scrapbook [1 volume]	1948-1956
P366/3/2	Scrapbook [1 volume]	1956-1962

P366/3/3	Scrapbook [1 volume]	1962-1968
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P366/3/7	Folder of papers relating to the organisation and holding of annual dinner dances [1 folder]	1983-1993
P366/3/8	Sheets of printed photographs of what appears to be His Royal Highness Prince Charles visiting the Mey games [3 sheets]	c.2000
P366/3/9	Funeral and ceremonial programme booklets of the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother [2 booklets]	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2002
P366/3/10	Birthday tribute publication to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on her 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday with ticket and programme for the celebrations and pamphlet of concert by Isla St. Clair and the Gordon Gunn Band in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Fund and the London Scottish Benevolent Fund [1 folder]	2000-2003
P366/3/11	Newspaper articles relating to the London Caithness Association and the Royal Family, the Queen Mother was their patron [1 folder]	c.-2000-2003
P366/3/12	Six official photographs from the annual dinner dances held by the London Caithness Association [1 folder]	n.d.
P366/3/13	An account of the history of the London Caithness Association from its creation in 1884 to 1976, written by H. M. Taylor, James Budge and Mrs Margaret Walsh [1 folder]	1976
P366/3/14	Northern Antiquities an historical account of the manners, customs, religion and law; maritime expeditions and discoveries, language and literature of the Ancient Scandinavians by Bishop Percy. This volume was awarded to Isaac Arrot George, pupil teacher on faithful discharge of every prescribed duty from the Wick Free School June 1852 [1 volume]	1852
<b>P366/5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>1939-2005</b>
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P366/5/3	Correspondence [1 folder]	1957-1959
P366/5/4	Correspondence, invitations and organisation of the annual dinner/dances [1 folder]	1961-1975
P366/5/5	Correspondence mainly regarding finances and the annual dinner/dance [1 folder]	1963-1976
P366/5/6	Correspondence [1 folder]	1966-1974
P366/5/7	Correspondence [1 folder]	1970-1975
P366/5/8	Correspondence [1 folder]	1975-1985
P366/5/9	Outgoing correspondence to the editor of the John O'Groat Journal regarding articles of events held by the London Caithness Association [1 folder]	1979-1999
P366/5/10	General correspondence [1 folder]	1984-2003
P366/5/11	Correspondence [1 folder]	1985-1988
P366/5/12	Correspondence [1 folder]	1989-1993
P366/5/13	Correspondence [1 folder]	1993-1999
P366/5/14	Bundle of correspondence [1 folder]	1999-2005