

## **TITLE - P479: Roy's Military Maps for Caithness**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number:	P479
Alternative reference number:	
Title:	Roy's Military Maps of Caithness
Dates of creation:	c.2000
Level of description:	Fonds
Extent:	1 box
Format:	Copies of Originals

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: Copies of Roy's military maps, copied by the British Library for the Caithness Archive Centre

Administrative history: The Roy Military Survey of Scotland, known to its contemporaries as the 'Great Map', is a uniquely important historical cartographic document. It provides a uniform graphic snapshot of the entire Scottish mainland at a time when the landscape was beginning an era of rapid change.

For many Highland areas, it is the most detailed and informative map that survives for the entire 18th century, and for all areas, the only standard topographic map prior to the Ordnance Survey mapping in the 19th century.

Born at Miltonhead, near Carluke, William Roy (1726-1790) was the son of an estate factor and attended the grammar school at Lanark. Little is known of how he acquired his mapping expertise, though some historians have speculated that he worked for the Post Office in Edinburgh as a surveyor of roads, as well as for the Board of Ordnance as a draughtsman. The Board of Ordnance was critically short of engineers in the late 1740s - only four were available in Scotland in 1748 - and Roy probably undertook the initial work on the Survey around Fort Augustus and further afield

single-handedly.

From 1748 Roy was assisted by six surveying parties, with six men within each survey party; the Highlands were largely complete by 1752, while southern Scotland (south of the Forth-Clyde line) was completed by 1755.

Custodial history: Originals held at the British Library

## **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description:

Appraisal:

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## **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:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: 14 May 2014

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>P479</b>	<b>Full set of Roy Military Maps for Caithness originally created between 1747-1755. On the back of each image is a reference number, use the last 3 digits of the reference number locate on the index which image relates to which square on the index. [1 box]</b>	<b>c.1745, c.2000</b>
P479/1	Folder of slides of Roy Military Maps for Caithness [1 folder]	c.1745, c.2000

P479/2	Key to Roy's Military Maps for Caithness, photocopy map of Caithness with relevant numbers written on it [1 sheet]	c. 2000
P479/3	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-866: Strath Halladale, Knockfinn Heights, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/4	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-881: Strath Halladale, Forsenean, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/5	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-882: Loch Shurrery [Sourary] [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/6	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-883: Harpsdale, Halkirk [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/7	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-884: Rumsdale Water, Glout [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/8	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-885: Loch More, Ben Alshy, Dalwhinyhan [Dalnawillan], etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/9	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-886: Stamster [Stemster], Achary, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/10	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-887: Morven, Fin Ben, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/11	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-888: Dunbeath, Knockinen [Knockinnon] Castle, Smerral, Latheronwheel, Latheron [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/12	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-889: Maiden Pap, Braemore, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/13	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-890: Helmsdale, Dunglass, Bunnelly Castle [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/14	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-891: Ord of Caithness, Badbea, Berriedale Castle, Ousdale [1 colour	c.1745, c.2000

	photograph A3]	
P479/15	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-893: Thurso East, Murkle, Thurdistoft, Orlig, Lieurary, Tester, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/16	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-893a: Dunnet Head [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/17	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-894: Dunnet, Loch Hallan, Barrof [Barrock], Inchstack, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/18	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-894a: Dunnet Head, Ham, Loch Dunnet [St John's Loch?], House of Rattar, Skarfskerry, Mey [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/19	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-895: Stroma, St John's Head, "The Men of Mey" [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/20	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-896: Thurso East, Murkle, Thurdistoft, Orlig, Lieurary, Tester, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/21	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-898: Mey, Gills Bay, Canisbay, Huna, Dangsby [Duncansby], Freswick and "Johny Grots House" [John O'Groats] [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/22	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-899a: Dungsby Head and Stacks of Dungsby [Duncansby Head] [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/23	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-900: Harpsdale, Spittal, Brabster, Watten, Toftingall, Schouthel, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/24	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-901: Mireland, Loch Wester, Reiss, Ackergill Castle, Killimster, Gersa, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/25	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-902: Reiss Bay [Sinclair's Bay], Old Castle of Freswick, Nybster, Keiss, Noss	c.1745, c.2000

	Head and Girnigoe and Sinclair Castle [1 colour photograph A3]	
P479/26	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-903: Ben Cheal, Munsary, Camster Burn [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/27	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-904: Ulbster, Sarclet, Thrumster, Yarrows, Hempriggs, Brough, Olwick, Wick, Haster Stemster [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/28	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-905: Wick Bay, Papigoe, Staxigoe [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/29	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-906: Forse, Resigill, Munzie, Lybster, Occumster, Clyth [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/30	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-907: East Clyth, Talligoe [Whaligoe?], House Ness [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/31-32	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-2469: Thurso, Lieurary, Todhole, Brabster, Forss, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/33	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-2468: Sandside, Reay, Downrey [Dounreay], Borrowston, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/34	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-2467: Portskerry, Halladale Head, Baligill Head [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/35	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Sheet K111-2467A: Strath Halladale, Golva, Torr, Melvich, Bighouse, etc. [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/36	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Unidentified Sheet: corner of unknown land in top left hand corner [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/37	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Unidentified Sheet: showing fragment of land, "Graham's Castle" [1 colour photograph A3]	c.1745, c.2000
P479/38	Colour photograph of Roy's Military Map for Caithness, Unidentified Sheet: showing Badbea, Ousdale and Achnarraig [1 colour photograph A3 (2	c.1745, c.2000

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