

P770: Caithness Maps

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P770

Alternative reference number:

Title: Caithness maps

Dates of creation: 1822-1895

Level of description: item

Extent: 3 rolled maps

Format: paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Royal Commission (Highlands and Islands, 1892) and John Thomson & Co., Edinburgh

Administrative history: The remit of the Royal Commission (Highlands and Islands, 1892) was; "to inquire whether any, and if any, what land in the counties of Argyll, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Caithness, and Orkney and Shetland, now occupied for the purposes of a deer forest, grouse moor, or other supporting purposes, or for grazing, not in the occupation of crofters ... is capable of being cultivated to profit or otherwise advantageously occupied by crofters ..." . Its chairman was David Brand, Sheriff of Ayr, Chairman of the Crofters' Commission. These lands were defined on Ordnance Survey maps, which were issued in 1895.

John Thomson (1777-c.1840) was an Edinburgh based cartographer and publisher, who produced a series of maps and atlases in the early 19th century.

Custodial history: Purchased by Highland Council Archive Service from Picaresque Books and Collections, Maryburgh, Aug 2011

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Royal commission, (Highlands and Islands, 1892), survey plans of crofting holdings on 1" - 1mile OS showing land scheduled as suitable for extension of existing crofting holdings and land scheduled as suitable for new crofting holdings

Map of Caithness showing topographical detail, townships and parish boundaries.

Appraisal:

Accruals: None expected

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:

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P770/1	Royal Commission, (Highlands and Islands, 1892), survey plans of crofting holdings; OS Sheet 110 Latheron [1 map]	1895
P770/2	Royal Commission, (Highlands and Islands, 1892), survey plans of crofting holdings; OS Sheet 116 Wick [1 map]	1895
P770/3	Map of Caithness from a drawing by William Campbell of Keiss, published by John Thomson & Co. Edinburgh. [1 map]	1822