

P772 Research into the Works of Robert Louis Stevenson

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number:	P772
Alternative reference number:	Acc. 947
Title:	Research into the Works of Robert Louis Stevenson
Dates of creation:	c.1970- c.2005
Level of description:	Fonds
Extent:	2 boxes
Format:	Paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators:	Donald Sutherland
Administrative history:	This collection is the research work of Donald Sutherland and encompasses 30 years worth of research into the writings of Robert Louis Stevenson and other well-known British writers of the same time. Sadly, Donald Sutherland died suddenly in 2005 and his research remains unfinished. Donald Sutherland believed that Robert Louis Stevenson and some of his peers wrote using a code which was recognised only by those who really understood the art of writing. He believed the code could be traced back to ancient scribes and the origins of when writing began. Throughout his research notes there are also details of links between Caithness and some of the writers he was researching.
Custodial history:	Deposited by Donald Sutherland's wife with the Caithness Archive Centre in September 2011

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:	Research notes and annotated published works of Robert Louis Stevenson, James Joyce, Lord Byron and other peers of the time. Also some work on myths and legends of Caithness.
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Appraisal:

Accruals: None expected

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: The Ian Sutherland Collection held at the
Caithness Archive Centre has an
extensive oral history section and within
these are interviews with Donald
Sutherland relating to his research.
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Publication:

Notes: The arrangement reflects the order of the
records as they were at accession. It
was not possible to accurately date the
majority of the records.

Date of catalogue: September 2011

Ref.	Description	Dates
P772	Research on the Works of Robert Louis Stevenson	
P772/1	Copy of 'The Mysterious Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde', which was first published in 1886, the copy is annotated by the researcher [1 bundle]	c. 1970-2005
P772/2	Copy of 'The Mysterious Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde', which was first published in 1886, the copy is annotated by the researcher, these annotations differ from 772/1 [1 bundle]	c. 1970-2005
P772/3	Bundle of correspondence containing copies of 'A Caithness Causerie, in idiom-atomic or monadic	c. 1970-2005

	atomic verse, entitled 'I Grieve No More' it is unclear if this was the researcher's own work. There are also lists of well-known authors whom he believed to be privy to a secret code and incorporated it into their writings both published and unpublished [1 bundle]	
P772/4	Found in an envelope entitled 'the Invisible Man', was a copy of the novella published by H. G. Wells in 1897. This copy is out of order and has been left in the order that it was found, there are some pen markings throughout [1 bundle]	c. 1970-2005
P772/5	Bundle containing copies of correspondence and excerpts from G. K. Chesterton's autobiography of R. L. Stevenson, articles and information regarding J. M. Barrie and excerpts from other published works by R. L. Stevenson and others [1 bundle]	c. 1900-2005
P772/6	Bundle containing copies of correspondence and excerpts from letters and works of Shakespeare, Herrick, Joyce and Stevenson. Also contains a photograph of Ackergill Tower and another unidentified photograph of a street with a horse and cart. This bundle contains a note on the back of an envelope containing a useful explanation and examples of how the code was used by Joyce and Dickens and is based upon the poems of Herrick [1 bundle]	c. 1900-2005
P772/7	Bundle containing papers relating to myths and legends of Caithness, written copies of correspondence between the researcher and what appears to be other academics and also posthumously published letters of well-known writers and poets [1 bundle]	c. 1880- c. 2005
P772/8	Bundle of papers starting at page 5 (pages 1 to 4 are missing) containing historical facts of Caithness interspersed with links to Lord Byron, R. L. Stevenson and other writers and poets. Historical facts of Caithness are taken mainly from James Traill Calder's book entitled 'Caithness' [1 file]	c. 1970-c. 2005
P772/9	Bundle of papers relating to Caithness, local stories, poems and song with some notes on Stevenson [1 bundle]	c. 1970-c. 2005
P772/10	Bundle of papers including 'A Caithness Causerie on Robert Louis Stevenson' by Donald Sutherland, 'the Siege of Ducksie' a poem author unknown and some other accounts of legends and myths of Caithness [1 bundle]	c. 1970-c. 2005

P772/11	Bundle of papers including 'Caithness Causerie and Connotations' by Donald Sutherland, notes and written copies of articles in local papers, correspondence and other related notes [1 bundle]	c. 1870-c. 2005
P772/12	Bundle found in envelope titled 'please keep these intact as very important D.S.- notes from local papers' containing dates and pages of newspaper articles from the John O' Groat Journal and Northern Ensign with notes relating to each [1 bundle]	1864-1992
P772/13	Bundle containing photocopied copy of 'the Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' with annotations, some pages from 'the Pickwick Papers' by Charles Dickens and some from 'the Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy' by Lawrence Sterne all annotated by Donald Sutherland [1 bundle]	c. 1970-c. 2005
P772/14	Bundle of page notes on Byron's life in an envelope entitled 'pages notes Byron's life, Thomas Moore, 1920 2 nd edition B.L.L' there is no other reference to indicate which publication these page notes relate to. However Thomas Moore did publish a version of Byron's memoirs after his death 'Notices of the life of Lord Byron by Thomas Moore' published in 1835 [1 bundle]	c. 1970-c. 2005
P772/15	A copy of 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' taken from 'Robert Louis Stevenson (the complete short stories)' [1 bundle]	n.d.
P772/16	Bundle containing 'In Memoriam James Joyce, Complete Poems' by Hugh MacDairmid published 1955, this is annotated [1 bundle]	1955-c. 2005
P772/17	Copy of poem 'The Enchanted Island' which is a poem about Stroma. The copy of the poem was found in an envelope entitled 'Calder Poem, Stroma, the Enchanted Island' [1 bundle]	n.d.
P772/18	Copy of obituary of Donald Sutherland written by Ian Sutherland for the John O'Groat Journal and dated 1 st April 2005 [1 sheet]	2005