

P8: Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association; Glasgow Caithness Literary Society

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

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Title: Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association;
Glasgow Caithness Literary Society

Dates of creation: 1905-1936

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 file

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RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association
Glasgow Caithness Literary Society

Administrative history: The Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association was suggested in 1836 and formally established in January 1837 as a county association. Its original aim was to provide an opportunity for those with a connection to Caithness to meet and socialise. In November of 1837 it was decided to extend the work of the Association and it was resolved to establish a fund to help needy natives of Caithness in Glasgow. Ladies were admitted to the Association in 1898. Various offshoots of the Association were formed including a literary society and athletic club.

The Glasgow Caithness Literary Society, sometimes called the Glasgow Caithness Literary Association, was begun in 1882 by R. G. Sutherland. Many of its members were connected to the Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association but the two operated independently. In 1890 a closer relationship was formed between the two: all members of the Benevolent Association became members of the Literary Society and the Association contributed funds to the Society. The management of the two remained separate, but the Literary Society was henceforth sometimes referred to as the Literary Section of the Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association. The Society organised lectures,

debates and essay writing for its members and established a library which was held for a time at the Baillie's Library in Glasgow.

Custodial history: Received from Wick Library, 15 Sep 1995

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association, 1905-1936; Glasgow Caithness Literary Society, n.d.

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 Caithness Archive Service searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: 4 Mar 2011

| Ref. | Description | Dates |
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| P8/1 | Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association | 1905-1936 |
| P8/1/1 | Detailed article taken from the <i>Northern Ensign</i> on the happenings of the 69 th annual re-union of the Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association [1 sheet] | 31 Jan 1905 |
| P8/1/2 | Letter from John Mowat to George Bain of Wick Library presenting Wick Library museum with the watch belonging to James T Calder, poet and historian [1 sheet] | 20 May 1908 |
| P8/1/3 | Letter from John Mowat to George Bain of Wick | 10 Oct 1908 |

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| | Library presenting Wick Library museum with a copy of the <i>Portfolio of Portraits</i> [1 sheet] | |
| P8/1/4 | Bound printed portfolio of portraits of past office bearers of the association (John F McLennan, Esq., K.C., Sheriff of Caithness, Orkney and Zetland; Col. W.A. Smith, V.D; Rt.Hon. John Sinclair, M.P.; R.L. Harmsworth M.P.; William Nicolson J.P., Convener of County; George J. Ross J.P., Provost of Wick; Donald Harper, Wick; Alexander Coghill, founder & 1 st President; Daniel McAdie; William Levack; Ex-Provost William Rae; John Rhind; George Macleod, Pres.1869-70; William Sinclair Pres. 1875; James Miller Pres. 1876-77; George McDonald; William Calder Coghill; Rev. Walter Ross Taylor, D.D.; Robert Watson Sinclair, J.P.; James Fraser, Pres.1901; Bailie William Nicol, J.P.; Councillor William Gunn; David Horne; W.R.O. Campbell; Pastor John Horne; Sinclair Sutherland, J.P.; Alexander Rosie; Alexander Oliphant; John Rae Mowat; John Robertson; Collector James Renwick Sutherland; John Cormack; Robert Gunn, F.E.I.S.; John Henderson Sinclair; Mrs John H. Sinclair; John Mowat, Secretary; Rev. W.S. Swanson; Mr & Mrs Thomas F. Sinclair; Mrs. James Yule; Mrs. Alexander King; Donald Sinclair, A.M.I.E.E.; A.J.Leed; John F. Sutherland; James Robert Sutherland; W.A. Walker Forbes; Mr. & Mrs. S. McLeod McAdie), including a list of those members who joined the Association at it's first meeting in 1836 and a table denoting the names of office-bearers from 1837 – 1909. The portfolio was produced as a souvenir of the opening ceremony of the Society's Sale of Work. Two copies [2 volumes] | 24 Oct 1908 |
| P8/1/5 | Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association Centenary Souvenir, 1836-1936 [1 booklet] | 1936 |
| P8/2 | Glasgow Caithness Literary Society | n.d. |
| P8/2/1 | Glasgow Caithness Literary Society Poem [1 sheet] | n.d. |