

## **P878: Wick Drill Hall Collection**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB7141/P878

Alternative reference number:

Title: Wick Drill Hall Collection

Dates of creation: 1883-1993

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 23 Portraits

Format: Photograph, Painting, Canvas, Brass

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators:

Administrative history: Descriptions of each commander are provided by Major Angus S. Mackay.

Custodial history: Deposited by Major Angus S. Mackay

### **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description: Pen pictures of Volunteer and Territorial officers who commanded variously designated company units based in the Wick Rifle Drill Hall. Minutes, finances and legal documents concerning the Wick Drill Hall.

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:

Publication:

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Ref.	Description	Dates
<b>P878</b>	<b>Wick Drill Hall Collection</b>	<b>1852 - 2019</b>
P878/1	Coloured portrait painting of Major John H. Buik. Signed: 'A. Johnston' Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major John H. Buik. A Wick businessman who came from Dundee to operate the rope works at Loch Street. Appointed Lieut in Feb 1861 and resigned in 1883'. [1 painting]	C.1883
P878/2	Coloured portrait painting of Lieutenant Alex Robert Scott. Signed: 'A. Johnston 1892'. Note by Angus Mackay: 'Lieutenant Alex Robert Scott. A farmer of Noss Farm and another of the original hall trustees. Served from 2/5/77 until his early death in April 1891'. [1 painting]	1892
P878/3	Coloured portrait painting of Major Robert Robertson Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major Robert Robertson. A Wick businessman and one of the three original trustees of the Wick Rifle Drill Hall. Great-grandfather to the present LL. Served from 27/3/1868 to 22/5/1895 by which time he was an Honorary Colonel'. [1 painting]	C.1895
P878/4	Coloured portrait painting of Captain F. H. McHugh. Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain F H McHugh He was by profession a telephone engineer and was in Wick to oversee the expansion of the telephone system. Lived in Barbara Place. Served from 17/5/1890 until 26/3/1902 when he left the area'. [1 painting]	C.1902
P878/5	Coloured portrait painting of Captain John George Note by Angus Mackay: Captain John George A stationer, bookseller and small time publisher with premises on Bridge Street. He served from 23/1/1892	C.1903

	until 7/1/1903. [1 painting]	
P878/6	<p>Coloured portrait painting of Captain George A. O. Green</p> <p>Signed: 'A. Johnston 1908'</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain George A. O. Green. A solicitor and Provost of Wick. Served from 15/2/99 until 31/3/1908 which was at the formation of the TF'. [1 painting]</p>	C. 1908
P878/7	<p>Black and White photograph of Captain Josiah J Robertson.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain Josiah J Robertson DSO MBE TD. A garage owner who had his garage behind Bridge Street in the old Artillery Drill Hall. He was son of Maj R Robertson. Served from 17/10/1903 until 1908 when he transferred to the TF. Served during the First World War winning a DSO. Known in later years (up to 1930) as 'Colonel Joe'. [1 photograph]</p>	C. 1908
P878/8	<p>Coloured portrait painting of Captain Donald C Cormack.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain Donald C Cormack. A businessman in the herring curing trade. Served from 2/4/1892 at least until 1908 when he transferred to the new Territorial Force'. [1 painting]</p>	C. 1908
P878/9	<p>Coloured portrait painting of Captain Edward Grove Buik.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain Edward Grove Buik. A businessman son of Maj Buick who continued to run the rope works. He was another of the original hall trustees. He served from 2/5/1877 for many years until 1914. He was mobilised at the outbreak of war as Commanding Officer of the 5th Seaforths but was soon replaced and retired on age grounds'. [1 painting]</p>	C.1914
P878/10	<p>Black and white portrait photograph of Captain James J. C. Davidson.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain James J. C. Davidson. A farmer from West Watten. Served from 30/7/1892 till the end of WW1. Took over from Col Buik to command 5th Seaforth during the first year of the war. Awarded French Medaille Agricole'. [1 photograph]</p>	C.1918?
P878/11	<p>Black and white portrait photograph of Major D. Sutherland</p> <p>Front reads: Major D. Sutherland M.C. T.D. O.C. 'D' 9Wick) Coy., 5<sup>th</sup> The Seaforth Hrs., 1920-21. O.C. 'C'</p>	C. 1923

	<p>(Caithness) Coy., 4/5 The Seaforth Hrs., 1922-23.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain David Sutherland MC &amp; bar TD. Headmaster of the West Banks School. Served before and during WW1 with the 5th Seaforth Highlanders as signals officer. OC of 'D' Wick and 'C' Caithness Coy 1920 – 1923. He was the author of the book, 'War Diary of the Fifth Seaforth Highlanders'. [1 photograph]</p>	
P878/12	<p>Coloured portrait painted over photograph of Brigadier G.D.K. Murray.</p> <p>Plaque reads: 'Brigadier G.D.K. Murray O.B.E., M.C. T.D. CdeG. O.C. 'C' Coy 4/5' Bn Seaforth HLDrs, 1923-1927'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain GDK Murray OBE MC CdeG. A farmer from Castletown who served during and after WW1 being subsequently promoted to brigadier. After WW2 he served as County Convener of Caithness County council and Lord Lieut for a short period'. [1 painting, 1 plaque]</p>	C. 1927
P878/13	<p>Black and White painted portrait of Major Sir Ronald Sinclair.</p> <p>Plaque reads: 'O.C. (Caithness) Machine Gun Coy 4/5 Seaforth HLDrs 1936-1939 Landed Proprietor, Lyth'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major Sir Ronald Sinclair Of Dunbeath and Barrock. An actor and landowner. Coy Commander from 1936 to 1939 and with HQ Coy 1940 – 41'. [1 painting, 1 plaque]</p>	C. 1939
P878/14	<p>Black and white portrait photograph of Major J. B. Simpson</p> <p>Picture reads: 'Major J. B. Simpson MC.TD.DL 5<sup>th</sup> Seaforth Highlanders 1911-1945'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Captain James Simpson MC TD, ironmonger and talented artist. Commissioned during WW1. Captured during the German spring offensive of 1918. Served between the wars and on the home front during WW2'. [1 photograph]</p>	C. 1945
P878/15	<p>Black and White portrait photograph of Major G. H. Green.</p> <p>Plaque reads: 'Major G. H. Green M.B.E. M.C. T.D. D.L. O.C. 'C' (Caithness) Coy 11<sup>th</sup> Bn Seaforth HLDrs T.A. 1947-1962, Headmaster Crossroads, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Caithness'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major George Green MBE MC TD. A schoolmaster from John o' Groats. A territorial officer before the war. He served throughout</p>	C. 1962

	the war with 5th Seaforth Hldrs. Served until 1963. [1 photograph, 1 plaque]	
P878/16	<p>Coloured portrait photograph of Major C.G. Braithwaite.</p> <p>Plaque Reads: 'Major C. G. Braithwaite T.D. O.C. 'C' Company 11<sup>th</sup> Bn Seaforth Highlanders 1962-196 Stockbroker, London'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major C. G. Braithwaite a London stockbroker with an estate in Wester Ross who was one of the Picadilly Highlanders, i.e officers from the home counties who travelled up from London to participate in training with Highland TA units. Commanded Coy from 1961 – 1963'. [1 photograph, 1 plaque]</p>	C. 1963
P878/17	<p>Black and White portrait photograph of Major G.T. Dunnett</p> <p>Plaque reads: 'Major G.T. Dunnett T.D. D.L. O.C. 'C' (Caithness) Coy 11<sup>th</sup> Bn Seaforth HLDrs T.A. 1963-1967. O.C. 'B' (Seaforth) Company 51 Highland Volunteers 1967-1971. Footwear Retailer, Wick Vice Lord Lieutenant, Caithness'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major Graham T Dunnett TD. A Shoe Merchant in Wick, he commanded the company from 1963 to 1971. He was at one time Lord Lieutenant of Caithness'. [1 photograph, 1 plaque]</p>	C. 1971
P878/18	<p>Coloured portrait photograph of Major Rod D. Liddon.</p> <p>Plaque Reads: 'Major R. D. Liddon O.C. 'B' Queens Own HLDrs Coy 2/51 Highland Volunteers 1971-1972 Factor, Kildonan'</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major Rod D. Liddon A regular soldier with service in the Parachute Regiment and SAS. During his time out from the Army he was an estate factor in Sutherland. He returned to the Regular Army joining the A&amp;SHldrs. Commanded 1971-72'. [1 photograph, 1 plaque]</p>	C. 1972
P878/19	<p>Coloured portrait photograph of Major A. P. F. Alexander</p> <p>Plaque reads: 'Major A. P. F. Alexander O.C. 'B' Q.O.H. Company 2/51 Highland Volunteers 1972-1976 Schoolmaster Golspie'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major APF Tim Alexander TD a schoolmaster and agriculturalist who lived at Golspie. He commanded the Coy from 1972 until 1976'. [1 photograph, 1 plaque]</p>	C. 1976
P878/20	Coloured Portrait photograph of Major Allan G. Ferrier.	C. 1979

	<p>Reverse reads: 'O.C. 'B' Company 2/51 Highland Vds, July 1976 – March 1981'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major Alan Ferrier TD. An Insurance manager and agent who lived in Wick. Commanded the Company from 1976 to 1979'. [1 photograph]</p>	
P878/21	<p>Coloured Portrait photograph of Major Angus S. Mackay.</p> <p>Plaque reads: 'A. S. Mackay T.D. D.L O.C. 'A' 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Highland Volunteers 1981-1986, Engineering Technician Dounreay'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major Angus S Mackay TD. A Technician Engineer who lived in Wick and Thurso. Commanded the Coy from 1980 to 1987.' [1 photograph, 1 metal plaque]</p>	C.1987
P878/22	<p>Coloured portrait photograph of Major E.A. Trevillion.</p> <p>Plaque reads: 'Major E.A. Trevillion T.D. O.C. 'A' Coy (Q.O. Hldrs &amp; Lovat Scout) 2/51 Highland Volunteers 1986-1989'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major Edward Trevillion. A Physicist at Dounreay who commanded the Coy from 1986 -89. Moved to Edinburgh'. [1 photograph, 1 plaque, 1 glass cover]</p>	C. 1989
P878/23	<p>Coloured portrait photograph of Major P. C. Prentice.</p> <p>Plaque reads: 'Major P. C. Prentice T.D. O.C. 'A' Coy 2/51 Highland Volunteers 1989-1993, Nuclear Chemist Dounreay'.</p> <p>Note by Angus Mackay: 'Major PE Prentice. A Scientific Officer at Dounreay who commanded the Coy from 1989 -1992. Moved to Elgin'. [1 photograph, 1 plaque, 1 glass cover]</p>	C. 1993
P878/24	<p>Fire insurance policy from Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society. [3 sheet]</p>	1852 - 1970
P878/25	<p>Rifle Drill Company Minute Book</p>	1 Jun 1923 – 24 Jan 2019
<b>P878/26</b>	<b>Cashbooks [2 volumes]</b>	<b>20 May 1934 – 25 Jan 2019</b>
P878/26/1	<p>Wick Drill Hall Company Cash Book [1 volume]</p>	20 May 1934 – 15 Jan 2001
P878/26/2	<p>Wick Drill Hall Company Cash Book [1 volume]</p>	30 Apr 2001 - 25 Jan 2019

<b>P878/27</b>	<b>Annual Income and Expenditure Reports [4 bundles]</b>	<b>31 Dec 1962 – 31 Dec 2016</b>
P878/27/1	Wick rifle Drill Hall Company Income and Expenditure Account [1 bundle]	31 Dec 1962 – 31 Dec 1987
P878/27/2	Wick rifle Drill Hall Company Income and Expenditure Account [1 bundle]	31 Dec 1988 – 31 Dec 1998
P878/27/3	Wick rifle Drill Hall Company Income and Expenditure Account [1 bundle]	31 Dec 1999 – 31 Dec 2005
P878/27/4	Wick rifle Drill Hall Company Income and Expenditure Account [1 bundle]	31 Dec 2006 – 31 Dec 2016
<b>P878/28</b>	<b>Legal Documents [1 bundle]</b>	<b>14 Oct 1909 – 21 Nov 1991</b>
P878/28/1	Legal papers and correspondence re lease of the Rifle Drill Hall at Dempster Street Wick. [11 sheets]	14 Oct 1909 – 21 Nov 1991
P878/28/2	Letter from R. Hamilton, D.W. Georgeson and Son to Graham Dunnett, Trustee of Rifle Drill Hall Company re fifteen legal papers concerning the drill hall and its trustees. [2 sheets]	2 May 1986
P878/28/3	Photocopies of 'Memorial by Wick Town Council For Opinion of Council' 18 Sep 1947 and Memorial on behalf of Colonel Josiah James Robertson and Others as the present acting assumed Trustees for the Wick Rifle Drill Hall Company for The Opinion of Council' 13 May 1947. (Items 1 and 2 on P878/28/2) [14 sheets]	2 May 1986