

P140 Photograph of James Bremner's Son

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

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Title:	Photograph of James Bremner's Son
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RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators:

Administrative history:

James, the youngest of the nine children of Janet and James Bremner, was born in Stain, near Keiss, in the parish of Wick, Caithness, in Scotland.

At the age of 16, he was apprenticed for six years to the shipbuilders "Robert Steele & Sons" of Greenock. After he had completed his apprenticeship he returned to Wick and started his own shipbuilding yard in Pulteneytown, near Wick Harbour, where he built 56 or more vessels, ranging in size from 45 tons to 600 tons. At this time, he also became well known throughout the United Kingdom for his skills in rescuing sunken and stranded vessels.

When, in 1846, Brunel's SS Great Britain went aground on the sands of Dundrum Bay, Ireland, it is to Bremner that Brunel turned for help.

His career involved the rescue of perhaps 236 or more stricken vessels. As well as building and rescuing ships, he worked on 19 harbour structures in Scotland, not least an extension to Telford's harbour in Wick Bay.

Bremner became a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1833, and he was awarded the Telford Medal for several of his papers on engineering.

Bremner married early in his life and had

numerous sons and daughters. His wife died in 1856 and Bremner himself died in the August of the same year. In 1903 a tall obelisk was erected to his memory on high ground overlooking Wick Harbour.

Custodial history:

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Sepia mounted photograph of James Bremner's son, taken in Paris

Appraisal:

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RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

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