

P812 – Papers of Jessie (Dot) and Arthur Doull

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

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Title: Papers of Jessie (Dot) and Arthur Doull

Dates of creation: 1853-1986

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 3 Boxes

Format: Paper, photograph, fabric, metal, plastic leather

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Arthur and Jessie (Dot) Doull

Administrative history: The Scouts and 1st Wick Scout Group
Lieutenant-General Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, OM, GCMG, GCVO, KCB, KStJ, DL was a British Army officer, writer, founder and first Chief Scout of the world-wide Scout Movement, and founder, with his sister Agnes, of the world-wide Girl Guide / Girl Scout Movement. Several of his books, written for military reconnaissance and scout training were also read by boys. On retiring from the army in 1910 he went on to form the Scout Association.
The Scout Association is the largest Scouting organisation in the United Kingdom and is the World Organization of the Scout Movements recognised member for the United Kingdom.
Scouting provides adventure-based programmes for young people between the ages of 6 and 25 years old throughout the Districts of Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey, Ross, Skye & Lochalsh, Lochaber, Caithness & Sutherland, Western Islands and Orkney.
1st Wick Scout Group has a history stretching back over 80 years and, as the 1st Scout Troop to be formed within

Caithness, they carry the title of 1st Caithness as part of their identity.

Jessie and Arthur Doull

Jessie Doull was affectionately known as Dot by her family, her husband Arthur and close friends. Growing up in a croft at Sarclet she worked as a domestic help at Hempriggs House for Nancy Nicolson's mother before marrying Arthur Doull a butcher in Wick. This was the beginning of a lifelong friendship between Dot Doull and Nancy Nicolson.

Custodial history:

Deposited by Caithness born singer, songwriter and storyteller Nancy Nicolson the Cultural Crofter. (Mrs Anne H. Morton)

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:

The collection includes records of the 1st Wick Scout Group and the personal papers of Jessie Doull, including some pertaining to the Wick Society.

1st Wick Scout Group

Minutes, role volumes, photographs, information of events, publications and company orders, charity fundraising, camps, badges and troop identification flags.

Personal Papers of Jessie Doull

Personal letters of Jessie (Dot) and Arthur Doull. Wick Society papers.

Appraisal:

Accruals:

None expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access:

Open with some restrictions

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: 08 September 2022

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P812	Papers of Jessie (Dot) and Arthur Doull	1853-1986
P812/1	Records of the 1st Wick Scout Group	1931-1981
P812/1/1	Registration	1931-1965
P812/1/1/1	<p>Boy Scouts Association Warrant appointment certificates for the following:-</p> <p>Eric George Gordon and William Gordon</p> <p>Alexander Nicholson</p> <p>Arthur Charles Cole</p> <p>Each certificate is also signed by Robert Baden Powell denoting when appointee had resigned from the position</p> <p>(5 items)</p>	2 Apr 1931-15 Dec 1939
P812/1/1/2	<p>Boy Scouts Association Warrant appointment certificates for the following:</p> <p>Arthur Bignold Doull, Group Scoutmaster of 5th Caithness (2nd Wick)</p> <p>Andrew Atkins Assistant Scoutmaster 5th Caithness (2nd Wick)</p> <p>David Taylor Anderson Assistant Scoutmaster 1st Caithness (1st Wick)</p> <p>Miss Annie Elizabeth Purves Assistant Cubmaster 5th Caithness (2nd Wick)</p> <p>Warrant Application, including D.O.B for Robert Banks as Assistant Scoutmaster [closed until 2045]</p> <p>(5 items)</p>	1 st Mar 1952-9 Apr 1963
P812/1/1/3	<p>Scout Group Temporary Registration forms for the following groups :</p> <p>Halkirk</p> <p>Thurso</p> <p>1st Wick</p> <p>2nd Wick</p> <p>Latheron</p> <p>Registration forms for the following groups :-</p> <p>4th Caithness, Manse Halkirk</p> <p>1st Thurso Troop, St Peters Church Hall ,Thurso</p> <p>All signed by Ian McHardy Commissioner</p> <p>(7 items)</p>	30 Jan 1936-29 Nov 1939

P812/1/1/4	Annual Group Re-Registration for the following groups : 5 th Caithness (2 nd Wick) Thurso Group 1 st Caithness (1 st Wick) 2 nd Caithness (1 st Watten) 3 rd Caithness (Latheron) 4 th Caithness (6 items)	1 st Apr 1943
P812/1/1/5	Re-Registration and Census of groups. (7 items)	1943-1965
P812/1/1/6	Forms detailing boys moving to Caithness and wishing to join the nearest group. Includes cards showing test subjects accomplished and passed from Tenderfoot through to 1 st Class Gordon Bell Richard Pollock Michael Smith [closed until 2053 as D.O.B's included] (5 items)	11 Sep 1961–26 Apr 1961
P812/1/1/7	Particulars of Group Scouters, warranted, on probation, or acting:- Mr J A Abernethy, Mrs M Abernethy, Miss C More Arthur B Doull, Andrew Dunnett, Miss Ann Dodds Adamson. James Tait, Thomas Sutherland, Edward Gale, Mrs Ann Burnett (nee Purves) Leader Warrant and Record Book belonging to Thomas A. Sutherland. [closed until 2040] (4 items)	31 Mar 1962
P812/1/2	Reports	1940-1967
P812/1/2/1	The Boy Scouts Association Annual Reports (1 bundle)	1940-1966
P812/1/2/2	Post-War Scouting report concerning the movement and young peoples' attitude ` (2 item)	28 May 1942
P812/1/2/3	Joint Conference of Scottish Guiders and Scouters Netherurd (1 item)	7 Jul 1945
P812/1/2/4	Handwritten, descriptive daily report of Third Scottish International Jamborette, America Park, Blair Atholl. Written by the scout chosen to represent the	25 Jul-4 Aug 1950

	Caithness Boys Scouts, Hamish Clark, Wildcat Patrol, 2 nd Wick 5 th Caithness Troop. Details of foreign scouts attending and some of the games played. One challenge involved two scouts climbing a tree. Another lighting a piece of wood, handing it the other scout who had to then climb down without letting the lit wood touch the trunk of the tree (6 items)	
P812/1/2/5	Annual reports for Wick and District Boy Scouts, Wolf packs, Cubs (1 bundle)	1956-1967
P812/1/2/6	2 nd Wick Scouts and Cubs Group Committee report of activities (2 items)	1961
P812/1/2/7	Thurso District Scout Council, List of Scouters and District Officials (2 items)	n.d.
P812/1/3	Financial Records	1947-1966
P812/1/3/1	Invoices and receipts (1 bundle)	1947-1966
P812/1/3/2	Income and expenditure accounts including receipts for donations made to charitable organisations (1 bundle)	1947-1966
P812/1/3/3	Aberdeen Savings Bank books and wallets. (4 items)	1955-1964
P812/1/4	Training materials and courses	1935-1975
P812/1/4/1	District Training Courses for Scout and Rover, group Scoutmaster Course (3 items)	1935-1938
P812/1/4/2	The Spirit of Fitness and Welfare of Youth, a new educational opportunity (2 items)	1939-1940
P812/1/4/3	Alternative tests for Physically and Mentally disabled scouts (2 items)	c.1940
P812/1/4/4	Air Scouts, Organisation and Training booklet (2 items)	Jan 1941
P812/1/4/5	Scout Badge Proficiency Badges (3 items)	Apr 1946
P812/1/4/6	Wood Badge Training course correspondence and notes. Scout Development (1 bundle)	1951-1970
P812/1/4/7	The Training of Scouters (3 items)	c.1960
P812/1/4/8	Venturer Badge proficiency requirements for Over 15 Backwoods Man course and challenges. Including capturing an abominable snowman (7 items)	c.1960

P812/1/4/9	Tenderfoot Test Card, this includes Scout Law, knot tying, wound dressing, Union flag composition. The Ammar second class test card (1 bundle)	c.1960
P812/1/4/10	British Seabirds. Square black and white pictures with bird information features underneath to be used for quiz (13 items)	c.1960
P812/1/4/11	Practical Boat Owner Skippers' Check Cards. Includes cards for engine faults, safety checks, compass readings, coastal navigation, nature identification (1 bundle)	1960-1970
P812/1/4/12	Mariners navigation and educational training notes and cards (1 bundle)	c.1975
P812/1/5	Events	1950-1981
P812/1/5/1	Camping permits and Cub Scout Father and Son camp agenda (1 bundle)	1950-1981
P812/1/5/2	Grand County Scout Rally in Policy Park, Thurso. Camp Fire Programme (9 items)	22 Jun 1957 – 29 Jun 1957
P812/1/5/3	2 nd Wick Group Boy Scouts First Group Show (1 item)	c.1958
P812/1/5/4	Minutes of meeting to discuss forthcoming Bob a Job Week. Bob a Job week cards detailing the jobs undertaken by the scouts for fund raising efforts. Robert Calder, North Keiss, James Harrold, South Keiss (6 items)	1958-1966
P812/1/5/5	Handwritten daily account of Jamborette at Blair Athol. George A. Robertson 1 st Keiss (11 items)	19 July 1960
P812/1/5/6	Remembrance Day Service and Parade agenda (1 item)	12 Nov 1961
P812/1/5/7	Ellings Football Cup Fixtures (5 items)	1966 and 1970
P812/1/5/8	Gala Week swimming gala and football tournament (6 items)	1970
P812/1/5/9	Schedule of a John O'Groats to Lands' end run including stages, times, distances (1 item)	26 Jul 1970
P812/1/5/10	Halloween letter from Ignatius the Pugnacious, Pong Song Monastery, Camster (3 items)	c.1970
P812/1/6	Correspondence	1937-1982

P812/1/6/1	The Boys Scout Association circulars and correspondence (1 bundle)	1944-1982
P812/1/6/2	1 st Wick Troop Magazine includes brief history of Troop and a paragraph on Scouts attending meetings improperly dressed wearing flannels instead of kilts "Buck Up Boys – show your knees (6 items)	Dec 1959
P812/1/6/3	Scout related handwritten correspondence, and jottings by A Doull (1 bundle)	1959-1970
P812/1/6/4	Letts Boy Scout Diaries belonging to Arthur Doull (7 items)	1964-1972
P812/1/6/5	Notice to Scouts from District Commissioner Thurso, A.L Mills that the Caithness Optological Society is expecting an influx of the "flat-eared twit" (<i>Lugholes Smoothus Twiticustii</i>) on 15 th /16 th October 1966. The Flat eared twit is one of our more rare animals, not to be confused with the "common steaming nit" (1 item)	Aug 1966
P812/1/6/6	Caithness County Council Education Committee letter referring to the purchase of Forester's House Rumster with a view to converting it into an Outdoor Activity and Field Studies Centre. The letter asks if the Scout organisation would have interest in using it (2 items)	24 Nov 1969
P812/1/6/7	The Story of the Golden Ball. Handwritten story or play of how the Scouts and Girl Guides began and using the passing of a "golden ball" as a metaphor for spreading the word around the world. It mentions some of the many nationalities involved and includes a plan of Wick High School Ground and directions (5 items)	n.d.
P812/1/6/8	Pathfinder Monopoly (1 item)	n.d.
P812/1/6/9	New command area tour of inspection and lists specimens to be collected such as "a rabbits tail" the "roudest stone" and wild flowers in the area (1 item)	n.d.
P812/1/6/10	Inter-patrol Competition (3 items)	n.d.
P812/1/6/11	Magic Potion for Hoki Poki, the Witch Doctor (1 item)	n.d.
P812/1/7	Publications	1931-1980
P812/1/7/1	Simple Signalling for Beginners by J.D.H. Archibald (1 item)	1931
P812/1/7/2	The Campers Guide and Year Book (1 vol)	1936

P812/1/7/3	The Scottish Scout (2 items)	1938-1947
P812/1/7/4	The Scout Book Club (2 items)	1938
P812/1/7/5	Policy, Organisation and rules (2 volumes)	1 Aug 1942
P812/1/7/6	Cock O'The North news sheet Spring 1944 the 1 st Thurso Boy Scout Troop. Humourous typed sheet by Rev. R.M Fraser Chaplain. Composed to show the former scouts who had entered military service that they were not forgotten (1 item)	1944
P812/1/7/7	Scouting Today and Tomorrow (1 item)	1944
P812/1/7/8	Scottish News Letter (3 items)	c.1946
P812/1/7/9	Jamboree Journal of World Scouting (5 items)	May 1949-Apr 1950
P812/1/7/10	The Scouter. Headquarters Gazette of the Boy Scouts Association. (3 items)	May 1949, Jul 1949, Sep 1949
P812/1/7/11	Senior Scouts. Suggestions to Scouters Post War (2 volumes)	c.1946
P812/1/7/12	News of the Baden Powell Memorial House Comic strip (2 items)	c.1950
P812/1/7/13	Investigation into leakage in the Scout Group (1 item)	Sep 1954
P812/1/7/14	1 st Thurso Visit South. Self-published book detailing the journey 1 st Thurso Scouts made south. Their stay on the Royal Research Ship Discovery. Visits to London (1 vol)	c.1960
P812/1/7/15	Scottish Scout News (7 items)	1967-1970
P812/1/7/16	The Glasgow Scouters Bulletin (4 items)	1968
P812/1/7/17	Scouting Leaflets (1 bundle)	1960-1980
P812/1/7/18	Alfred Roden catalogue of medals and trophies available to purchase for organisations such as Scouts (1 volume)	c.1960
P812/1/7/19	The Scout Law (1 item)	n.d.
P812/1/7/20	Unused printed stationery (1 bundle)	1950-1970
P812/1/8	Various	1931-62, n.d.
P812/1/8/1	Brown leather wallet which contains the following: Diary with an entry mentioning J Baikie	1931-1937

	<p>Wallet contains 9 unused stamps</p> <p>1 small square black and white photograph of a sheep and lamb</p> <p>Kensitas cigarette insert card of embroidered flowers "Love in a Mist"</p> <p>(13 items)</p>	
P812/1/8/2	50 Outdoor Games by Gordon Paperbacks (1 volume)	1962
P812/1/8/3	White Pennant Flags with coloured silhouettes of animals and birds applied on (4 items)	n.d.
P812/1/8/4	Rectangular cardboard box containing 22 sew on Boy Scout cloth badges, black leather woggle with gold embossed emblem (3 items)	n.d.
P812/1/8/5	Caithness emblem. Small rectangular embroidered patches depicting Primula Scotica flowers and "Caithness" sewn above (2 items)	n.d.
P812/2	Personal Papers of Jessie (Dot) Doull	1853-1987
P812/2/1	<p>Photocopies of typed accounts of family correspondence between Caithness and Australia with some handwritten notations of possible familial connections.</p> <p>Letters have mention of family news and local happenings such as a new harbour being planned in Wick and conflict between Wick fishermen and Highlander fishing crews. (War of the Orange, 1859)</p> <p>Names mentioned in letters :</p> <p>William Hattam, Cooper, Care of I.H. Down Esquire Port Philip Australia</p> <p>Joseph Matheson, Seater, by Huna, Caithness</p> <p>Joseph Mathieson, Reaster, Caithness [different spelling now used for Matheson]</p> <p>James Baikie</p> <p>Alexander Mathieson</p> <p>James and George Matheson</p> <p>(9 items)</p>	1853-1865
P812/2/2	Copy of The Wick Song by Ian McHardy (1 item)	1939
P812/2/3	Mrs Jessie Doull documents relating to The Wick Society including Constitution and Rules and Financial Statement. Jessie Doull was Treasurer of The Wick Society (16 items)	1936-1987

P812/2/4	<p>Programme for Christmas 1952 Pantomime "Puss in Boots" cast list includes Hugh Lyall as Puss in Boots and Arthur Doull as Gormless.</p> <p>Two identical landscape black and white photographs of a cast and orchestra on stage.</p> <p>Two identical landscape black and white photographs depicting some of the cast from the first photographs.</p> <p>Two landscape black and white photographs of a stage scene and cast from Aladdin.</p> <p>Three identical portrait black and white photographs depicting three of the characters from the first cast photographs, two of the characters are wearing large chefs hats.</p> <p>(10 items)</p>	1952
P812/2/5	<p>Two identical mounted black and white landscape photographs of scout leaders in a field. Front row seated with black spaniel in the centre. Printed by Caithness Bros Kirkcaldy. Arthur Doull is 3rd from the left on the back row. (2 items)</p>	c.1955
P812/2/6	<p>Gillwell Notebook, Woodbadge jotter, University notebook, Sailing notebook and Cub Scout bird game. (1 bundle)</p>	c.1950
P812/2/7	<p>Personal letters from Dot (Jessie) Doull to her husband Arthur B Doull when he was in the forces and subsequently attending Scout camps (1 bundle)</p>	1950-1966
P812/2/8	<p>Arthur Bignold Doull military service related papers.</p> <p>Recruitment letter from Royal Navy & Royal Marines. 19 Sep 1939</p> <p>National Service Enlistment Notice 1943</p> <p>National Service Armed Forces Certificate of registration listing Arthur Doull at Fort George 1943</p> <p>Permission slip to be absent from duty 11 June 1943.</p> <p>Small card issued to A Doull by Camp Commander Army Group Jan 1944,</p> <p>Small sheet of paper with many names, ranks and addresses written on it in English and Arabic. Fellow servicemen.</p> <p>Christmas Card signed Dot. n.d.</p> <p>(1 bundle)</p>	1939-1944
P812/2/9	<p>John O'Groat Journal outer cover (1 item)</p>	21 Feb 1941

P812/2/10	Fred Shearer Ltd label. The Cross Warehouse. (1 item)	c.1970
P812/2/11	Background To A Caithness Bank by A.Y.Swainston (1 bundle)	n.d.
P812/2/12	Fragile map of Caithness with R.A.F stamp (1 item)	n.d.