

## **P1008 The Collected Works of Nancy Nicolson**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1741/P1008

Alternative reference number:

Title: The Collected Works of Nancy Nicolson

Dates of creation: c.1970-2022

Level of description: Fond

Extent: 1 box

Format: Paper, CD

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: Nancy Nicolson (Mrs Anne Morton) aka "Cultural Crofter"

Administrative history: Nancy was born c.1940 and grew up on a croft in the village of Sarclet. Stories by the peat fire ignited a love of reading and learning which led to her studying at Edinburgh University and Moray House Teacher Training College to become a primary school teacher.

Nancy's career was eclectic, including script writing for BBC Scotland Schools Radio, working with the New Makars Trust, and serving as Education Officer with Celtic Connections.

At 33 Nancy began singing at the Edinburgh Folk Club and soon after began writing her own songs, poems and stories as well as playing the melodeon. As resident musician of the Royal Oak Folk Bar in Edinburgh Nancy was described by a regular as "an instant ceilidh".

Following the loss of her husband Denness Morton, Nancy retired to Loch Street in Wick. Nancy still performs and plays her melodeon.

Custodial history: Deposited by Mrs Anne Morton (Nancy Nicolson)

### **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description:

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:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: 14 October 2022

Ref.	Description	Dates
<b>P1008/1</b>	<b>The Collected Works of Nancy Nicolson</b>	<b>1970-2016</b>
P1008/1/1	Weeck's Silver Darlins (Weeck an Poltney)  The original song is the tale of the hunt for the Silver Darlings by Wick and Pultney fishing crews and the fisher lassies. It was written in Caithness dialect by Nancy Nicolson for her performance at Wick Harbour Fest 2007.  This transcript of the song is the second version created for a Wick Pipe Band Night concert on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2012. (1 item)	4 Jul 2012
P1008/1/2	First released in 1990 on cassette tape and entitled "Rhyme and Reason", this CD from 2016 contains the original 12 tracks plus an additional 6 tracks and is entitled "Rhyme and Reason Plus" (1 item)	2016
P1008/1/3	Background information on Jessie (Dot) Doull (collection reference P812) as remembered by Nancy Nicolson.  Jessie Doull was a close friend to Nancys mother and	31 Aug 2022

	family at Iresgoe, Sarclet. Nancy always maintained contact with Jessie and frequently stayed with her when in Caithness on holiday. (1 item)	
P1008/1/4	Transcript of the song "They Sent a Wumman". A humorous song of different situations where they sent for, for example, "the polis", the "pilot" "God Almighty" and instead of them, they sent a woman in. (2 items)	n.d.
P1008/1/5	Mrs Anne Morton aka Nancy Nicolson impaired communication skills information to be aware of during any verbal communication (1 item)	n.d.