

P998 Research Papers of James Miller

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P998

Alternative reference number: -

Title: Research Papers of James Miller

Dates of creation: 1996-c.2015

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Format: Paper, cassette tapes

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: James Miller, National Archives of Scotland (now National Records of Scotland), May Johnston

Administrative history: James Miller was born in Caithness and studied zoology in Aberdeen and marine biology in Montreal. After working for the British Council he became a full-time freelance writer. He has written a number of acclaimed books, including *Scapa*, *The Dambuilders*, *The Foresters*, *Inverness*, *Salt in the Blood*, and *The Gathering Stream*.

May Johnston assisted James Miller in searching for relevant documents in the National Archives in Edinburgh.

Custodial history: Deposited by James Miller, author

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: This collection contains copies of documents from the National Records of Scotland (formerly National Archives of Scotland) gathered by James Miller in the course of research for his book *The Dunbars of Ackergill and Hempriggs*.

Also included are oral history recordings of people from fishing communities in Scotland made in the course of research for the book *Salt in the Blood: Scotland's Fishing Communities Past and Present*.

Appraisal: -
Accruals: Expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Some restrictions
Closed until: **Oral histories are closed to the public until 2043 at the request of the depositor**
Access conditions: Available in the archive searchroom
Copying: Copying of reproductions of archives held at the National Records of Scotland (NRS) not permitted. Contact NRS for copies.
Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom and [online](#)

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: -
Publication: Salt in the Blood: Scotland's Fishing Communities Past and Present by James Miller (Edinburgh: Canongate Books Ltd., 1999)
The Dunbars of Ackergill and Hempriggs by James Miller (Dunbeath: Whittles Publishing, 2022)
Notes: -
Date of catalogue: 2023

Ref.	Description	Dates
P998/1	Research	1996-Jan 2014
P998/1/1	Oral history recordings made whilst researching for the book 'Salt in the Blood' (1999) (CLOSED UNTIL 2043 at the request of the depositor)	1996-1998
P998/1/1/1	Cassette tape of interview with Gordon Fraser, Balblair (1 item)	5 May 1996
P998/1/1/2	Cassette tape of interview with Donald MacDonald, Golspie (1 item)	6 May 1996

P998/1/1/3	Cassette tape of interview with Sandy Miller and Bill Murray, Hopeman (1 item)	9 Jun 1996
P998/1/1/4	Cassette tape of interview with David John Mackenzie, Alfred Mackay and Norrie Bremner, Wick. Tape 1 of 2 (1 item)	18 Jun 1996
P998/1/1/5	Cassette tape of interview with David John Mackenzie, Alfred Mackay and Norrie Bremner, Wick. Tape 2 of 2 (1 item)	18 Jun 1996
P998/1/1/6	Cassette tape of interview with Angie Sinclair and Robbie Sutherland, Stromness (1 item)	21 Jun 1996
P998/1/1/7	Cassette tape of interview with Andrew Williamson, Lerwick (1 item)	24 Jun 1996
P998/1/1/8	Cassette tape of interview with John Goodlad, Lerwick (1 item)	26 Jun 1996
P998/1/1/9	Cassette tape of interview with William Anderson, Whalsay (1 item)	27 Jun 1996
P998/1/1/10	Cassette tape of interview with Willie Mitchell, Inverness (1 item)	11 Feb 1997
P998/1/1/11	Cassette tape of interview with Nick Lake, Inverness (1 item)	19 Feb 1997
P998/1/1/12	Cassette tape of interview with John Thomson, Lossiemouth (1 item)	22 Feb 1997
P998/1/1/13	Cassette tape of interview with Margaret Smith, Banff (1 item)	9 Mar 1997
P998/1/1/14	Cassette tape of interview with Jimmy Gregor, Macduff, and Frank Bruce, Banff (1 item)	10 Mar 1997
P998/1/1/15	Cassette tape of interview with Sandy Hepburn, Gamrie (1 item)	10 Mar 1997
P998/1/1/16	Cassette tape of interview with George Wood, Macduff (1 item)	11 Mar 1997
P998/1/1/17	Cassette tape of interview with William West, Macduff (1 item)	11 Mar 1997
P998/1/1/18	Cassette tape of interview with Murdo MacLennan, Lochs (1 item)	9 Apr 1997
P998/1/1/19	Cassette tape of interview with Ian Stephen, Stornoway (1 item)	12 Apr 1997

P998/1/1/20	Cassette tape of interview with Dodie Gunn, John o' Groats (1 item)	28 Jun 1997
P998/1/1/21	Cassette tape of interview with George Christie, Aberdeen (1 item)	13 Jul 1997
P998/1/1/22	Cassette tape of interview with George Wood, Torry (1 item)	13 Jul 1997
P998/1/1/23	Cassette tape of interview with George Leiper, Aberdeen (1 item)	15 Jul 1997
P998/1/1/24	Cassette tape of interview with Alex Buchan, Peterhead (1 item)	15 Jul 1997
P998/1/1/25	Cassette tape of interview with Andrew Mearns, Ferryden (1 item)	26 Jul 1997
P998/1/1/26	Cassette tape of interview with John Swankie, Arbroath (1 item)	27 Jul 1997
P998/1/1/27	Cassette tape of interview with John Robb and Iain Smith, Newhaven (1 item)	18 Aug 1997
P998/1/1/28	Cassette tape of interview with David Lees, Dunbar (1 item)	19 Aug 1997
P998/1/1/29	Cassette tape of interview with Peter Burgon and Peter Patterson, Eyemouth (1 item)	20 Aug 1997
P998/1/1/30	Cassette tape of interview with Jackie Johnston, Palnackie (1 item)	27 Aug 1997
P998/1/1/31	Cassette tape of interview with Tom Shields, Girvan (1 item)	28 Aug 1997
P998/1/1/32	Cassette tape of interview with Angus McCrindle, Girvan (1 item)	29 Aug 1997
P998/1/1/33	Cassette tape of interview with Coull Deas, Cellardyke (1 item)	6 Oct 1997
P998/1/1/34	Cassette tape of interview with Alex Watson, Cellardyke (1 item)	6 Oct 1997
P998/1/1/35	Cassette tape of interview with James McDonald and Duncan McArthur, Campbeltown (1 item)	16 Nov 1997
P998/1/1/36	Cassette tape of interview with Hector Macleod, Kyle (1 item)	6 Dec 1997
P998/1/1/37	Cassette tape of interview with Lewis Patience, Avoch (1 item)	16 Dec 1997

P998/1/1/38	Cassette tape of interview with Liz Duvill, Badachro (1 item)	30 Jan 1998
P998/1/1/39	Cassette tape of interview with Cephas Ralph, SFPA-INS and George Alexander, Gamrie (1 item)	29 Nov 1997-16 Mar 1998
P998/1/2	Notes and publication drafts	3 May 2011-9 Jan 2014
P998/1/2/1	Paper with draft book introduction and transcript of unknown document concerning William Dunbar of Hempriggs and the Earl of Breadalbane on the reverse. (1 item)	3 May 2011
P998/1/2/2	Covering letters from May Johnston to James Miller sent with copies of documents. (2 items)	23 Sep 2013-9 Jan 2014
P998/2	National Records of Scotland reproductions	1646-c.2015
P998/2/1	Correspondence	7 Jun 1703-2014
P998/2/1/1	Copy of letter from Sir William Dunbar of Hempriggs, Castle of Aikergill, to Breadalbane, 7 Jun 1703. NRS reference GD112/39/189/6. (2 items)	7 Jun 1703, c.2015
P998/2/1/2	Copy of Letter from Duncan Toshach of Monzievairst, Thurso to Breadalbane, 26 Jan 1708. NRS reference GD112/39/211/26. Includes covering letter from May Johnston to James Miller regarding Colin Kirk. (3 items)	26 Jan 1708, 2014
P998/2/2	Summons	1766-c.2015
P998/2/2/1	Copy of Summons raised at the instance of Mr John Sinclair, sheriff-depute of Caithness and Sutherland, against Sir William Dunbar of Hempriggs and other Justices of the Peace for defamation of John's authority by wrongfully imprisoning his servant, 1766. From the papers of the Sutherland family of Forse. NRS reference GD139/231/2. (1 bundle)	1766, c.2015
P998/2/2/2	Copy of Summons of oppression, wrongous imprisonment and damages, raised at the instance of William Thompson, skipper of a boat at Dunbeath, and John McBeath, servant to John Sinclair, younger of Freswick, against 15 Caithness Justices of the Peace; annexed execution thereof against Robert Sutherland younger of Langwell, 20 Jan 1767. From the papers of the Sutherland family of Forse. NRS reference GD139/231/1. (1 bundle)	20 Jan 1767, c.2015
P998/2/3	Sasines	1646-c.2015

P998/2/3/1	Copy extracts from Particular Register of Sasines Etc. for the Shire of Caithness: First Series, 20 September 1646-22 Oct 1674. NRS reference RS20/1/49. Includes handwritten transcripts of part of the documents. (1 bundle)	20 September 1646-22 Oct 1674, c.2015
P998/2/3/2	Copy extracts from Particular Register of Sasines Etc. for Inverness, Ross, Sutherland and Cromarty: Second Series, 14 Feb 1663-19 July 1665. NRS reference RS38/2. (1 bundle)	14 Feb 1663-19 July 1665, c.2015
P998/2/3	Court of Session	1772-c.2015
P998/2/3/1	Copy of Sir William Dunbar v John Sinclair, Court of Session: Unextracted processes, 1 st arrangement, Innes-Mackenzie office, 1772. NRS reference CS235/D/5/2. (4 items)	1772, c.2015
P998/2/4	Plans	1827-c.2015
P998/2/4/1	Copy plan of the Estate of Hempriggs in the parish of Wick by Peter Swany, 1827. (3 items)	1827, c.2015
P998/2/5	Various	1687-c.2015
P998/2/5/1	Copy of further papers in negotiations between Breadalbane and Dunbar of Hempriggs, 1686-1687. NRS reference GD112/58/63. (1 bundle)	1686-1687, c.2015
P998/2/5/2	Copy of Miscellaneous papers of the Campbell Family, Earls of Breadalbane, relating to Caithness. Dated 1691. NRS reference GD112/58/78. (1 bundle)	1691, c.2015
P998/2/5/3	Copy of papers in transactions between Breadalbane and Dunbar of Hempriggs, 1687-1691. NRS reference GD112/58/65. (2 items)	1687-1691, c.2015
P998/2/5/4	Copy of Miscellaneous papers of the Campbell Family, Earls of Breadalbane, relating to Caithness. Dated 1692. NRS reference GD112/58/90. (5 items)	1692, c.2015
P998/2/5/5	Copy of papers relating to bargain with William Dunbar of Hempriggs, 1697-1700 from the papers of the Campbell Family, Earls of Breadalbane. NRS reference GD112/58/111. (1 bundle)	1697-1700, c.2015
P998/2/5/6	Copy of Great Seal Register (Registrum Magni Sigilli), 2 Feb 1705-24 Apr 1707. NRS reference C2/82. (1 bundle)	2 Feb 1705-24 Apr 1707, c.2015
P998/2/5/7	Copy of Record of freeholders in the county of Caithness, 1754 and 1768, with covering letter from	1754, 1768, c.2015

	May Johnston. NRS reference SC14/63/1 and SC14/63/8. (4 items)	
P998/2/5/8	Transcript of P998/2/5/5 (GD112/58/111). (1 bundle)	c.2015