

## **AS - Abridgements of Sasines**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1471/AS

Alternative reference number: -

Title: Abridgements of Sasines

Dates of creation: 1646-1970

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1.5 linear metres

Format: Paper

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: Registers of Scotland, Government Agency

Administrative history: The Registers of Sasines are a national record of property transactions which run in a continuous series from 1617, prior to which an incomplete Secretary's Register ran from 1599-1609. Between 1617 and 1869 separate individual county registers were maintained along with a general register which covered the whole country except the three Lothian counties. This system was changed in 1869 to establish one general register arranged in county divisions. Royal Burghs maintained their own burgh registers of sasines.

The registers are still in use as of the present day, although since 1981, they are in the process of being gradually replaced by the Land Register of Scotland (which records ownership of land and property in Scotland).

During the 19th century, the registers themselves had become so large, and legal searches consequently more time consuming, that abridgements began to be published in 1821, going back to 1781 to cover the then 40 year standard period for title searches. The abridgements do not cover the burgh registers of sasines, and although separate person and place indexes were also compiled, the indexing of places was abandoned from 1831-

1871.

An instrument of sasine is a legal document that records the transfer of ownership (usually a sale or an inheritance) of a piece of land or of a building. It will normally detail the names of the new and previous owners and will give a basic description of the property transferred. There will usually be an indication of the price paid for the property. Sasines can also give you information about family history, particularly where an individual is passing land to another family member, or where the family designation is revealed (e.g. 'John Campbell of X'). Sometimes information given in one sasine will give you clues as to earlier titles in the chain and so lead you back to the earlier history of the ownership of a building or piece of land.

Custodial history:

Internal council transfer

## **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description:

Registers of Sasines, Caithness; Indexes of Places; Indexes of Persons

Appraisal:

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Accruals:

None expected

## **RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE**

Access:

Open

Closed until:

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Access conditions:

Available within the archive searchroom

Copying:

Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids:

Available in the archive searchroom and online

## **ALLIED MATERIALS**

Related material:

The full Registers of Sasines can be consulted at the National Records of Scotland

Publication: -

Notes: -

Date of catalogue: 2023

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>AS</b>	<b>Abridgements of Sasines</b>	<b>1646-1970</b>
<b>AS/C</b>	<b>Registers Of Sasines, Caithness</b>	<b>1646-1970</b>
<b>AS/C/1</b>	<b>Registers Of Sasines</b>	<b>1779-1970</b>
AS/C/1/0	Register of Sasines, Caithness, contains abridgements of transactions (1 volume)	17 May 1779-12 Jan 1824
AS/C/1/1	Register of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume) There are two indexes to persons mentioned in this register: 1781-1850 (C/AS/C/3/2) and 1851-1868 (C/AS/C/3/3); There is a partial index to the places mentioned in this register: 1781-1830 (C/AS/C/2/1)	1781-1868
AS/C/1/2	Register of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume)	1865-1868
AS/C/1/3	Register of Sasines, Caithness incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1869-1870
AS/C/1/4	Register of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume)	1871-1874
AS/C/1/5	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1871
AS/C/1/6	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1872
AS/C/1/7	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1873
AS/C/1/8	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1874
AS/C/1/9	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1875
AS/C/1/10	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1876
AS/C/1/11	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1877

AS/C/1/12	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1878
AS/C/1/13	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1879
AS/C/1/14	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Persons (1 volume)	1880
AS/C/1/15	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1881
AS/C/1/16	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1882
AS/C/1/17	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1883
AS/C/1/18	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1884
AS/C/1/19	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1885
AS/C/1/20	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1886
AS/C/1/21	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1887
AS/C/1/22	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1888
AS/C/1/23	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1889
AS/C/1/24	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1890
AS/C/1/25	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1891
AS/C/1/26	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1892
AS/C/1/27	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1893
AS/C/1/28	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1894
AS/C/1/29	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1895

AS/C/1/30	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1896
AS/C/1/31	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1897
AS/C/1/32	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1898
AS/C/1/33	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1899
AS/C/1/34	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1900
AS/C/1/35	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1901
AS/C/1/36	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1902
AS/C/1/37	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1903
AS/C/1/38	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1904
AS/C/1/39	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1905
AS/C/1/40	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1906
AS/C/1/41	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1907
AS/C/1/42	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1908
AS/C/1/43	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1909
AS/C/1/44	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1910
AS/C/1/45	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1911
AS/C/1/46	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1912
AS/C/1/47	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1913

AS/C/1/48	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1914
AS/C/1/49	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1915
AS/C/1/50	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1916
AS/C/1/51	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1917
AS/C/1/52	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1918
AS/C/1/53	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1919
AS/C/1/54	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1920
AS/C/1/55	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1921
AS/C/1/56	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1922
AS/C/1/57	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1923
AS/C/1/58	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1924
AS/C/1/59	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1925
AS/C/1/60	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1926
AS/C/1/61	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1927
AS/C/1/62	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1928
AS/C/1/63	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1929
AS/C/1/64	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1930
AS/C/1/65	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1931

AS/C/1/66	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1932
AS/C/1/67	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1933
AS/C/1/68	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1934
AS/C/1/69	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1935
AS/C/1/70	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1936
AS/C/1/71	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1937
AS/C/1/72	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1938
AS/C/1/73	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1939
AS/C/1/74	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1940
AS/C/1/75	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1941
AS/C/1/76	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1942
AS/C/1/77	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1943
AS/C/1/78	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1944
AS/C/1/79	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1945
AS/C/1/80	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1946
AS/C/1/81	Register of Sasines, Caithness, incorporating Index of Places and Persons (1 volume)	1947
AS/C/1/82	Register of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume)	1944-1955
AS/C/1/83	Register of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume)	1956-1960
AS/C/1/84	Register of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume)	1961-1964

AS/C/1/85	Register of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume)	1965-1968
AS/C/1/86	Register of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume)	1969-1970
<b>AS/C/2</b>	<b>Indexes of Places</b>	<b>1781-1970</b>
AS/C/2/1	Index of Places to the Abridgements of Sasines, Caithness (1 volume)	1781-1830
AS/C/2/2	Register of Sasines, Index of Places, Caithness (1 volume)	1872
AS/C/2/3	Register of Sasines, Index of Places, Caithness (1 volume)	1873
AS/C/2/4	Register of Sasines, Index of Places, Caithness (1 volume)	1874
AS/C/2/5	Register of Sasines, Index of Places, Caithness (1 volume)	1875
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AS/C/2/10	Register of Sasines, Index of Places, Caithness (1 volume)	1880
AS/C/2/11	Register of Sasines, Index of Places, Caithness (1 volume)	1941-1950
AS/C/2/12	Register of Sasines, Index of Places, Caithness (1 volume)	1951-1960
AS/C/2/13	Register of Sasines, Index of Places, Caithness (1 volume)	1961-1970
<b>AS/C/3</b>	<b>Indexes of Persons</b>	<b>1646-1970</b>
AS/C/3/1	Index to Particular Register of Sasines for Sheriffdom of Caithness (1 volume)	1646-1780
AS/C/3/2	Caithness Index of Persons, Abridgements of the Register of Sasines (1 volume)	1781-1850
AS/C/3/3	Caithness Index of Persons, Abridgements of the	1851-1868



	Register of Sasines (1 volume)	
AS/C/3/4	Register of Sasines, Index of Persons, Caithness (1 volume)	1869-1880
AS/C/3/5	Register of Sasines, Index of Persons, Caithness (1 volume)	1941-1950
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