

P546 Caithness Oral History Project

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P546

Alternative reference number:

Title: Caithness Oral History Project

Dates of creation: c.1984-2021

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Format: Paper and cassette tapes

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Caithness Oral History Project, Sinclair Gray

Administrative history: Caithness Oral History Project was managed by Caithness District Council and funded by the Manpower Services Commission, as part of a programme to get the long-term unemployed back into work.

There were at least two phases of the project.

The Thurso based phase was supervised by Colin Binnie from Harpsdale from c.1984-1985. The remit was to make tapes for use in schools, but the project ran out of money after 10 months and ended prematurely. [Information from letter in C/P/546/99 from Olaf Cowan to Joyce Brown, Thurso Library]

The Wick based phase commenced on the 9th July 1986. The chargehand was Sinclair Gray. Employees on the job creation project gained experience in working with elderly people, transcribing tapes and working with recording equipment. People were interviewed in their own homes and subjects discussed included herring fishing, farming, home life, the railway, war and memories of Wick. Interviews were carried out in the Wick, Staxigoe, Thrumster, Lybster and

Dunbeath areas amongst others.

Custodial history: Initial deposit transferred from Thurso Library in 2014 [P546/1-99]; additional material deposited by Sinclair Gray, chargehand of the Wick phase of the project in 2021 [P546/100]; additional material deposited by George Budge, son of interviewee William Budge in 2021; duplicate oral history cassette tapes deposited by Am Baile Co-ordinator (Highland Archive Service) in 2023.

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Papers and cassette tapes from the Caithness Oral History Project (1984-1987) and copies of local interest leaflets, stories and poems

Appraisal:

Accruals: Not expected

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: 2021, updated 2023

Ref.	Description	Dates
P546	Caithness Oral History Project	c.1984-2021
P546/1-98	Cassette tapes of oral history interviews by the Caithness Oral History Project, various subjects (98 cassette tapes) [an additional 4 tapes were deposited by Sinclair Gray in 2021, see P546/100/3. Also an index of persons and themes is available, see P564/102/2]	c.1986-1988
P546/1	Janet Maclean (length of interview, 12m40s). There is an introduction to the aim of the oral history project. Tape cuts in mid interview to Janet Maclean discussing school life at Millar Academy and working in the fishing industry. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/90]	c.1986-1988
P546/2	Miss Sinclair (length of interview, 24m58s). [Unclean audio]. Music played on an organ. Miss Sinclair is very soft spoken which makes this cassette difficult to make out. Topics discussed: her family, being a teacher, embroidery and the only loud woman she ever met being from Thurso. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/3	David Williamson and Elizabeth Mackenzie (length of interview, 18m33s). David Williamson. Topics discussed: going to Murkle public school then Thurso school where he did his Highers. He briefly talks about school discipline. Elizabeth Mackenzie lived in Olig street, Thurso. Topics discussed: her first day at school in Dunbeath and early education. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/4	Side A: Mrs J. Mclean (length of interview, 27m24s). Side B: Mr McPhee (length of interview, 12m18s). Topics discussed: getting a bath and having slop pales. Dancing at the esplanade and working making kippers and then working at the royal hotel. Goes back to talk in detail about how to make kippers. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/5	Side A: Mrs Gunn and Miss McKay (length of interview, 48m08s). Side B: Miss Mackay continued & Miss Manson. (length of interview, 08m03s). Topics discussed: school days, social and domestic life (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/99/8]	c.1986-1988
P546/6	Mr Mowatt (length of interview, 45m26s). Unclean	14 May 1986

	audio. Topics discussed: Lybster, grandfather's auction mart, religion, Portland Hotel, WWII, school days, Halloween, Lybster harbour. (1 cassette tape)	
P546/7	Mr Finlay Swanson (conductor), Thurso. (length of interview, 30m56s). Topics discussed: cars for hire c.1926, cattle shows in Caithness, transport to Orkney and the annual holiday, the labour exchange & the means test, the flagstone industry up until WWII, Army from 1940-46, attending school, going to the pictures, the public pump on Rose Street, the introduction of plumbing & TV, cars. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/8	Side A: Mr Banks (length of interview, 29m34s) and Mrs Stewart (length of interview, 34m42s). Side B: Mrs Stewart continued, Mrs Mitchell (length of interview, 11m19s), Mrs Manson (length of interview, 04m16s) and unidentified postman (length of interview, 06m02s). (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/9	Janet MacLean (length of interview, 10m35s). Topics discussed: attending school and her mother attending school. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/10	Side A: Mr Campbell (blacksmith) Halkirk (length of interview, 10m03s), Mr and Mrs Campbell (length of interview, 06m41s), Mr and Mrs Gunn (length of interview, 19m07s) and Mrs Bell May (length of interview, 15m07s). Side B: Mrs Bell May continued and Mrs Farmer (length of interview, 15m55s). (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/11	Alexander "Acka" MacKay (fisherman) (length of interview, 25m00s). Topics discussed: first going to sea at 14 years old out near Dunnet Head, handline fishing, 1923 aboard the last sailing ship the 'Thursonian', travelling to Felixstowe, herring fishing on drifter, different nets & trawling, navigating with local knowledge before DECCA, being onboard Navy protection vessels during WWII. (1 cassette tape)	22 Jul 1987
P546/12	Donald Henderson (crofter), Halkirk (length of interview, 12m40s). Born 1912. Crofter since 1940. Discusses changes in crofting life during his lifetime. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/13	Mr and Mrs Campbell, Halkirk. (5 th gen. blacksmith/ married 45 years) (length of interview, 17m57s). Topics discussed: fire welding, apprenticeship c.1925, horse doctoring, agricultural mending & manufacturing, introduction of tractors c.1930,	c.1986-1988

	domestic life & croft work. (1 cassette tape)	
P546/14	Sam Micklejohn (length of interview, 03m11s). Born 1921, Forss. Discusses working on his father's beef and dairy farm. (1 cassette tape)	3 Sep 1987
P546/15	John MacPhee (length of interview, 15m00s). Topics discussed: farm work & living in a bothy, driving livestock to the shows in Wick & Thurso, transport c.1925, crops grown & local mills. (1 cassette tape)	2 Sep 1987
P546/16	Peter Ronaldson, (length of interview, 30m58s). [Unclean audio]. Discusses transport in Caithness. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/17	Danny Nicholson (length of interview, 05m58s). Born 1909. Discusses life as a crofter and at Dounreay. (1 cassette tape)	31 Mar 1988
P546/18	Side A: 3 Canisbay Cottages, unidentified speaker (length of interview, 18m46s). Topics discussed: school days, sewing classes, dances, concerts, bible studies. Side B: Braal Terrace, unidentified speaker (length of interview, 13m30s). Topics discussed: school days & croft life, dances, Charlie Stewart, herring seller & Christmas. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/19	Angus Reid, (length of interview, 09m09s). Topics discussed: end of the fishing and Dounreay starting up, fishing company office in Thurso harbour & his time on fishing vessels. (1 cassette tape)	19 Sep 1987
P546/20	Morton Smith, Thurso (length of interview, 12m52s). Born 21 March 1917. Topics discussed: West Public School & Miller Academy, Sutherland's the grocers, being posted to the Cameron Highlanders in 1940 and going France, being taken prison in June 1940 and spending five years in a POW camp near Danzig, working at Dounreay from 1950 and retiring in 1982, serving as a member of Thurso Town Council, urban planning of Thurso. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/32]	22 Sep 1987
P546/21	Side A: Andrew Sutherland (hairdresser), Lairg (length of interview, 20m22s). Recording is of differing quality throughout. Topics discussed: Air Force as flight mechanic during WWII, development of Lairg estate and working in the village, company of Indian soldiers posted in Lairg during WWII, black throated divers and fishing. (1 cassette tape) Side B: Isa Sutherland (teacher), Lairg (length of interview, 15m07s). Recording is of a very low	c.1986-1988

	volume & quality. Discusses life in Lairg and teaching. (1 cassette tape)	
P546/22	Mr Oag (crofter/fisherman), Sarclet. (length of interview, 25m44s). Born 1898. Topics discussed: growing up on a croft and going to sea after school, joining the army (51 st Regiment) at eighteen, experiences during WWI, discharge in 1918 and continuing work as a fisherman, herring fishing & life in Sarclet. (1 cassette tape)	7 Apr 1988
P546/23	Alex Thompson (fisherman), Burnside Avenue, Thurso (length of interview, 31m03s). Topics discussed: fishing in 1924 aboard the North Star of Dunbeath, paraffin engines, line & drift fishing for herring, differences between Wick & Thurso harbour, the day to day life of a fisherman, William Allan, curer in Thurso and his boats, ex-provost & baker Peter Campbell, Thurso and his boats, beaching of whales on Thurso sands, introduction of electronic navigation on boats, overfishing and the decline of the industry. (1 cassette tape)	22 Sep 1987
P546/24	William Allan (farmer), Cairnfield, Weydale (length of interview, 12m58s). Born 1921. Topics discussed: school days, life on a farm, introduction of tractors, sheep shearing. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/99/8]	22 Sep 1987
P546/25	Mr W. (length of interview, 29m03s). Topics discussed: transport in Caithness, charabanc to Reiss golf course, stables, carters, railway. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/26	Side A: Mrs Geddes (length of interview, 16m49s). Topics discussed: funeral home business, carters, emergency services, Caithness transport, coal deliveries. Side B: John Martin (length of interview, 33m50s). Topics discussed: family dairy farm & business, WWII, carters, herring fishing, police, transport in Caithness, bus services, postal service. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/27	David Williamson, Angus Court, Thurso (length of interview, 06m44s). Topics discussed: farm work, crop cultivation. (1 cassette tape)	7 Oct 1987
P546/28	Janet Ryrie, Duncan Street, Thurso (length of interview, 24m55s). Topics discussed: school days, West Public School, holidays. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/35]	7 Oct 1987

P546/29	Alex Steven (length of interview, 06m58s). Topics discussed: carting/lorry business, fish transportation, herring fishing, WWII. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/30	Mr Phimister, Reiss (length of interview, 06m12s). Born 1936. Topics discussed: farm work, crop cultivation and life on a croft. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/31	Donald & Hannah McDonald, Riverside Place, Thurso (length of interview, 18m30s). [Unclean audio]. Topics discussed: farm work, crop cultivation, school days. (1 cassette tape)	12 Oct 1987
P546/32	Morton Smith (Burgh Treasurer) (length of interview, 12m27s). Topics discussed: John Sinclair (Lord Lieutenant), Provost duties, council employment, Thurso house building, regionalisation of county. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/20]	13 Oct 1987
P546/33	Nellie Gaddes (length of interview, 38m21s). Born 1907, Lybster. Topics discussed: fishing industry, Lybster harbour, her father [fisherman], domestic and social life. (1 cassette tape)	14 Apr 1988
P546/34	David Williamson, Angus Court, Thurso (length of interview, 09m36s). Topics discussed: farm work, crop cultivation. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/41].	14 Oct 1987
P546/35	Janet Ryrie (teacher), Duncan Street, Thurso (length of interview, 12m49s). Topics discussed: 30s depression, working in education & the school system. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/28]	14 Oct 1987
P546/36	Mrs N. Robertson (laundry worker), Ackergill Crescent, Wick (length of interview, 39m20s). Born 1914, married 1936. Topics discussed: school days, laundry work, WWII, holidays, prohibition, football, shops. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/37	Mrs Wilma Mackenzie, Campbell Street, Thurso (length of interview, 06m10s). Born 1922. Topics discussed: fishing industry, selling fish. (1 cassette tape)	14 Oct 1987
P546/38	Mrs Miller, Lochshell (length of interview, 13m03s). Born 1919. Topics discussed: the changing state of the county, school days, John Sinclair (Lord Lieutenant), food, washing day. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/39	Tom Munro (farm worker), Princes Street, Thurso (length of interview, 18m26s). [Unclean audio]. Born	20 Oct 1987

	1904. Topics discussed: farm work, crop cultivation (1 cassette tape)	
P546/40	Janet Maclean (length of interview, 31m30s). Topics discussed: local entertainment & shows, John Swanson lifeboat leaflet, fish workers ball, allotments, fishing industry. (1 cassette tape)	27 Oct 1987 & 3 Nov 1987
P546/41	David Williamson, Angus Court, Thurso (length of interview, 12m23s). Topics discussed: farmer's dance, Territorial Hall, school days. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/34].	29 Oct 1987
P546/42	Will Cameron (farm worker), Clett Terrace, Scrabster (length of interview, 12m52s). Topics discussed: cattle farms, Major Campbell, crop cultivation, term day 28 th May, Farm Workers Union. (1 cassette tape)	4 Nov 1987
P546/43	Christopher & Margaret Sutherland (length of interview, 26m24s). [Unclean audio]. Born 1909 (Christopher). Topics discussed: school days, Dounreay, farm work, peat cutting. (1 cassette tape)	10 Nov 1987 & 24 Nov 1987
P546/44	Robert Sutherland (length of interview, 16m53s). [Unclean audio]. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/45	Miss E. Alexander, Watten (length of interview, 11m33s). Born 1901, John O' Groats. Topics discussed: farm work and domestic life, making butter, snow storms. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/46	Peter Stewart, Burnthill, Thrumster (length of interview, 05m13s). [Unclean audio]. Born 1944. Topics discussed: life on a croft & farm work. (1 cassette tape)	10 Nov 1987
P546/47	Mrs Baba Mackay (length of interview, 27m50s). Topics discussed: school days, laundry work, social & domestic life, holidays, marriage during wartime. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/48	Ruby Doull (length of interview, 24m25s). Topics discussed: Domestic life, local dances, WWII, marriage, introduction of electricity. (1 cassette tape)	6 Jun 1988
P546/49	Margaret Swanson (length of interview, 50m24s). [Unclean audio]. Born 1899, Glasgow. Topics discussed: school days, farming, social & domestic life. (1 cassette tape)	11 Nov 1987
P546/50	Alec Miller (fisherman), Lybster (length of interview, 21m46s). Born 1909. Topics discussed: fishing	2 Dec 1987

	industry, school days, farming. (1 cassette tape)	
P546/51	Alex Mackenzie (length of interview, 39m13s). Topics discussed: social & domestic life in Caithness. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	18 Dec 1987
P546/52	Jimmy Campbell, Naver House (length of interview, 67m52s). [See also P546/53] (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/53	Jimmy Campbell, Naver House (length of interview, 26m11s). [Unclean audio]. Topics discussed: farming, crop cultivation, social & domestic life. (1 cassette tape)	21 Dec 1987
P546/54	Alastair Tait, Sinclair Lane, Halkirk (length of interview, 17m52s). Topics discussed: school days, dances in Spital, transport in Caithness. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/66]	21 Dec 1987
P546/55	William Campbell (farmer), Harpsdale Smiddy (length of interview, 08m50s). Topics discussed: ploughing with horses, crop cultivation. (1 cassette tape)	22 Dec 1987
P546/56	George Cameron (length of interview, 14m28s). Topics discussed: WWII, air raids, rations, school days. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/57	Christy Sutherland, Halkirk (length of interview, 08m07s). Topics discussed: school days, croft life, living in bare feet, soup kitchens. (1 cassette tape)	22 Dec 1987
P546/58	Robert Dundass, Huna (length of interview, 20m36s). [Unclean audio]. Born Wick then taken to Stroma at 4 weeks old. Topics discussed: Stroma, floating shop from Orkney, fishing industry, school days, shipping cattle to and from Stroma, croft life, people leaving the island, Dunnet Head lighthouse keeper. (1 cassette tape)	26 Jan 1988
P546/59	Alex Wares, Seaview Hotel, John O'Groats (length of interview, 43m24s). [Unclean audio]. Born 1908, Stroma (left island 1958). Topics discussed: Stroma, island life, postal service, WWII, school days. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/91]	3 Feb 1988
P546/60	Alec Thomson (fisherman) (length of interview, 49m33s & 49m 18s). Topics discussed: fishing industry, differences between line and net fishing, decline of the fishing in Caithness. (1 cassette tape)	3 Feb 1988
P546/61	William Dundas, The Crescent, Thurso (length of interview, 14m08s). Born 1908, Stroma. Topics	9 Feb 1988

	discussed: crofter-fisherman way of life, social & domestic life on Stroma, local entertainment, health care. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/91]	
P546/62	Mrs Clark (length of interview, 08m06s). Topics discussed: school days at Mid-Clyth, croft life, bakery work. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/63	Jimmy Simpson (length of interview, 16m38s). [Unclean audio]. Topics discussed: Stroma, yachting club, island life, Donald Banks, poetry, shops, lighthouses, diet. (1 cassette tape)	16 Feb 1988
P546/64	Nancy Roloff (length of interview, 33m48s). Topics discussed: school days in Keiss then Wick high school, university, social work in Edinburgh, work abroad in Bengal, WWII, London Caithness Association & Wick Society. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/65	Mr Sutherland (length of interview, 14m26s). [Unclean audio]. Born 1907. Topics discussed: crop cultivation, farm work & wages. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/66	Alastair Tate, Sinclair Lane, Halkirk (length of interview, 25m49s). Topics discussed: school days in Thurso, various jobs throughout the county. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/54]	8 Dec 1987
P546/67	Mrs Dolly Tait, Thurso (length of interview, unknown). Topics discussed: attending Miller Academy, local soup kitchen, school rehearsals, explosion on Hoy that killed her husband. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/68	Mrs E Mackenzie (length of interview, 37m18s). Tape begins with an overview of education in Caithness with excerpts from several interviewees then cuts to interview with Mrs E Mackenzie [05:20]. Topics discussed: school days, croft life, making butter & cheese, social & domestic life. (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/54]	c.1986-1988
P546/69	Mrs E Mackenzie (length of interview, 08m58s). (1 cassette tape) [See also P546/54]	c.1986-1988
P546/70	Nellie Mackenzie (length of interview, 34m35s). Topics discussed: school days, laundry & nurse work, WWII, Wick bombings, Mackenzie's Bakery Pultneytown, introduction of electricity, parochial board, prohibition in Wick, Sloane's. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988

P546/71	Mr Munro, Janet, Mr Mowatt, Miss Manson, Canisbay Cottages, Mr Gunn Seaview, Dunnet, Mr Murray Postman, Mrs Swanson, Mrs McKay, Mrs Tait, Jean, Mr & Mrs Gunn, Mrs Bell, Mackay Street, Calder Square, Mrs Sinclair, Mr Sutherland, Murrayfield (length of interview, 90m31s). [Unclean audio]. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/72	Willie J. Simpson – accordion music (length of recording, 94m01s). (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/73	Side A: Ann Gray, Collabol (length of interview, 27m08s). Topics discussed: history of Collabol steadings, school days, WWI & WWII. Side B: Bertha MacPherson, Lairg (length of interview, 29m04s). Topics discussed: first memories, school days, New Year's Day, postal service, tinkers. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/74	Side A: Mrs Finlayson, Helmsdale (length of interview, 41m44s). Born 1901. Topics discussed: school days, WWII, highland railway service, local dances, agricultural show. Side B: Mrs Margaret Cairns, Helmsdale (length of interview, unknown). Topics discussed: school days, 'the tech' secretarial school, Golspie high school, Christmas, Helmsdale Show, fishing industry. Includes interview with unknown man discussing Helmsdale railway. (1 cassette tape) [Side B NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/75	Mr & Mrs Coull, Thurso (length of interview, unknown). Topics discussed: change from old to new money, childhood collectables, Lybster Girl Guide Camp, school days, visit of King George VI, WWII, class divides in Thurso, Thurso Picture House. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/76	Joyce Allan & Margaret Swanson (length of interview, 31m22s). Topics discussed: social events & dances, harvest time & crop cultivation, horses. (1 cassette tape)	24 Nov 1987
P546/77	Donald Manson (Dooker), Campbell Street, Thurso (length of interview, 44m11s). [Unclean audio]. Topics discussed: WWII, farming & crop cultivation, fishing industry, Castletown, Ormlie, Dounreay. (1 cassette tape)	15 Dec 1987
P546/78	Side A: Mrs Catherine MacDonald, Farr (length of interview, 45m04s). Topics discussed: school days, domestic service work in Edinburgh, WWII, Dounreay, travelling shops, home weddings. Side B:	c.1986-1988

	Mrs Margaret Carney, Bettyhill (length of interview, 26m57s). Topics discussed: school days, kitchen maid work near Edinburgh, family croft, dances & concerts, Christmas, television. (1 cassette tape)	
P546/79	Donnie Macleod, Ardassie, Brora (length of interviews, 47m27s & 27m25s). Born 1911. Topics discussed: emigration to Canada, lobster fishing, fishmonger, hotel trade, WWI & WWII, Brora history. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/80	Side A: Mr Thompson (fisherman), Mrs Watt [16:32] (length of interview, 46m18s). Topics discussed: fishing industry, Thurso, school days. Side B: Mrs Murray, Mr McPhee (length of interview, 35m26s). Topics discussed: school days, domestic service work, WWII, father (pilot & lifeboat coxswain). (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/81	Mrs Agnes McBeath, Bulryne, Mid-Clyth, Lybster (length of interview, 06m39s). Topics discussed: changes in social & domestic life, church & Sunday school. (1 cassette tape)	27 Jan 1988
P546/82	Cybil McCavany, Louisburgh Street, Wick (length of interview, 37m27s). Topics discussed: left Stroma 1955, island life & legends, coal boats, school days, diet. (1 cassette tape)	9 Feb 1988
P546/83	Janet Maclean, Angus Court, Thurso (length of interview, unknown). Topics discussed: Thurso Circus, market, Marymass festival, WWI & WWII, urban planning, dentists, Thurso Picture House. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	6 Oct 1987
P546/84	Mr A W Gunn (length of interview, 21m48s). Speaker narrates the family history of the Gunn family & his life in Latheron parish. [Neil M. Gunn]. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/85	Robert Lyall (length of interview, 18m21s). [Unclean audio]. Topics discussed: motorbikes, WWII, tractors, cars. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/86	Donald Gunn (carter) (length of interview, 12m00s). [Unclean audio]. Topics discussed: carting work, social & domestic life. (1 cassette tape)	c.1986-1988
P546/87	Alex Oag, Millbank Road, Thurso. (length of interview, 22m26s). Topics discussed: WWI, croft life, fishing industry. (1 cassette tape)	20 Oct 1987

P546/88	Side A: Davie Smith (length of interview, 25m56s). Topics discussed: farming, working with horse, crop cultivation. Side B: James Gunn (railway worker) (length of interview, unknown). Topics discussed: LMS Railway, WWII, history of the Highland Railway. (1 cassette tape) [Side B NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/89	Robert Gunn, West Banks, Wick (length of interview, unknown). [Unclean audio]. Discusses his grandfather [writer Neil M. Gunn] & his books. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/90	Various Speakers discuss school days & education in Caithness (length of interview, unknown). Includes an introduction describing the oral history project and the period covered, with narration between interviews. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED] [See also P546/1 & P546/96]	c.1986-1988
P546/91	Various speakers discuss Stroma, the county's island (length of interview, unknown). With narration between interviews. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED] [See also P546/59]	c.1986-1988
P546/92	Various speakers discuss social and domestic life in Thurso (length of interview, unknown). With narration between interviews. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/93	Various speakers discuss the fishing industry in Caithness, Part 1 (length of interview, unknown). With narration between interviews. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/94	Various speakers discuss the fishing industry in Caithness, Part 2 (length of interview, unknown). With narration between interviews. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/95	Various speakers discuss Wick harbour and the herring industry (length of interview, unknown). With narration between interviews. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	c.1986-1988
P546/96	Various speakers discuss school days & education in Caithness (length of interview, unknown). With narration between interviews. (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED] [See also P546/1 & P546/90]	c.1986-1988
P546/97	Various speakers discuss social and domestic life and transport in Caithness (length of interview,	c.1986-1988

	unknown). (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED]	
P546/98	Interviews with Mrs Begg, Castletown; Robert Dundas, Huna; Mr Green, John O'Groats (length of interview, unknown). (1 cassette tape) [NOT YET DIGITISED] [See also P546/99/9]	c.1986-1988
P546/99	Papers pertaining to the Caithness Oral History Project	c.1986- 2000, n.d.
P546/99/1	Oral History Project Caithness 1986: Education. [contains information about the project and transcripts of interviews] (1 volume)	1986
P546/99/2	Photocopies of newspaper clippings from the <i>Caithness Courier</i> featuring the Caithness Oral History Project (1 bundle containing 4 items)	1986-1987
P546/99/3	Farming in Caithness in the Early Years of the Twentieth Century by Caithness District Council Oral History Team (1 volume)	1988
P546/99/4	Social and Domestic Life in Caithness in the Early Years of the Twentieth Century by Caithness District Council Oral History Team (1 volume)	1988
P546/99/5	Education in Caithness in the Early Years of the Twentieth Century by Caithness District Council Oral History Team (1 volume)	1988
P546/99/6	The Oral History of Caithness [contains information about the project and transcripts of interviews] (1 volume)	c.1986-1988
P546/99/7	Transcript of an interview with unnamed speaker (1 item)	c.1986-1988
P546/99/8	Transcript of Tape 24, interview with William Allen [See also P546/24]	c.1986-1988
P546/99/9	Transcript of Tape 98, interview with Mr Green [See also P546/98]	c.1986-1988
P546/99/10	Transcript of Tape 5, interview with Mrs Gunn, Miss Mckay and Miss Manson. (1 bundle containing 29 sheets) [See also P546/5]	1999
P546/99/11	Oral History Tapes Loan Sheet including indexes of names and contents (1 bundle containing 10 sheets)	c.2000
P546/99/12	Letter from Olaf Cowan to Joyce Brown, Thurso Library detailing the history of the Caithness Oral History Project and the participants and	n.d.

	interviewers. (3 items)	
P546/100	Additional material deposited by Sinclair Gray 2021	c.1980-1987
P546/100/1	Notes and Transcripts from Wick Oral History Project. Transcripts of interviews with David Bruce Miller, Stirkoke; Tommy Murray, Achvarasdale; Mrs Sinclair, Caberfeidh and transcripts of compilation tapes on herring fishing, farming and education. The farming transcript contains a breakdown of the farming year by month. (1 bundle)	1986-1987
P546/100/2	Photocopies of old documents and photographs taken to enhance the finished project (1 bundle)	1986-1987
P546/100/3	4 cassette tapes of oral history interviews. (1) Farming tape, (2) Herring industry tape, (3) Mrs Gordon herring industry, (4) W. Budge harbour/herring (4 cassette tapes)	1986-1987
P546/101	Additional material deposited by George Budge, 2021	2021
P546/101/1	Transcripts of interview with William Budge (see P546/25 and P546/100/3). (3 items)	2021
P546/102	Duplicate oral history cassette tapes deposited by Am Baile Co-ordinator (Highland Archive Service) 2023 [these tapes were previously held by the Library Service before being transferred to Am Baile]	1986-1988
P546/102/1	91 cassette tapes of oral history recordings [these are duplicates of P546/1-98] (91 items)	1986-1988
P564/102/2	Typed indexes of persons and themes within oral history interviews P546/1-98 (2 items)	1986-1988