

P1041 The Dalclaggie Postcard Collection

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P1041

Alternative reference number:

Title: The Dalclaggie Postcard Collection

Dates of creation: c.1870-1994

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Format: Paper, photographs

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: The Dunnett family

Administrative history: The Dunnett sisters, Ann (b.1929 d.2014) and Catherine aka Kay (b.1933 d.2019) were born in Halkirk parish.

Their parents John Dunnett and Isabella Nicolson were married in 1928. They lived at Lieurary Mains, Westfield, by Thurso, before settling at Dalclaggie beside Forss River and Falls.

Ann and Catherine had skills suited to the textile industry and both gained employment with J&P Coats Ltd. in Glasgow and worked there for many years. They trained in all aspects of the industry and went on to become textile designers. Catherine later lectured in the subject.

While based in Glasgow, they were highly regarded and had many friends, evidenced by the large postcard collection they received.

Their father John Dunnett was born in Bower in 1893 or 1894 and grew up at Drumhead, Bowertower, alongside his sister Jane Swanson (b. 1897). Their parents were William Dunnett and Catherine Hendry (m. 1893, Wick). John Dunnett served in France during WWI after training in both Scotland and England. He was severely wounded in France and received the Military Medal. John Dunnett's military resume and photograph are available in the book 'Sword of the North' on pages 474 and 475. John died in 1979.

Custodial history: Gifted by Wilma Bain, neighbour, and friend of the Dunnett sisters.

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Approximately 500 postcards that span the 20th century sent to three generations of the Dunnett family.

Appraisal:

Accruals:

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until:

Access conditions:

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Caithness Archive Service searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: Jun 2024

Ref.	Description	Dates
P1041	The Dalclaggie Postcard Collection	c.1870-1994
P1041/1	Dunnett Family Photographs	c.1870-c.1960
P1041/1/1	Various professional family portraits by A. Johnston and Humphrey. Individuals are unknown (9 items)	c.1870-c.1920
P1041/1/2	Photographs of Ann and Catherine Dunnett and colleagues at work in J&P Coats Ltd. and at leisure (15 items)	c.1960

P1041/2	Postcards	1904-1994
P1041/2/1	Postcards received by the Dunnett Family, Drumhead, Bower	1904-c.1940
P1041/2/1/1	Caithness Scenes	1904-c.1940
P1041/2/1/1/1	Postcard of Clett Rock, Thurso. Addressed to Mr William S. Dunnett, Road Gaffer, Bowermadden, from McGee (1 item)	Jan 1904
P1041/2/1/1/2	Postcard of Scrabster Pier and Dunnet Head. Addressed to John Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower from Cousin Jane (1 item)	1904
P1041/2/1/1/3	Postcard of the Commercial Hotel, Castletown. Addressed to Miss Janie Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower, from B.S. (1 item)	c.1904
P1041/2/1/1/4	Postcard of Castlehill Harbour and Bay. Addressed to Mrs W.S. Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower, from Belle/Bella (1 item)	1905
P1041/2/1/1/5	Postcard of Sir John's Square, Thurso. Addressed to Miss Jane Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower from Jean (1 item)	c.1905
P1041/2/1/1/6	Photograph of Noss Head Lighthouse. Addressed to Miss J. Dunnett (Jeannie), Drumhead, Bower, from Pettie (1 item)	1906
P1041/2/1/1/7	Postcard of Braemore. Addressed to John Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower, from Ellie Dunnett (1 item)	c.1906
P1041/2/1/1/8	Postcard of Wick from the Railway Station. Addressed to Miss J. Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower, from Annie (1 item)	22 Aug 1908
P1041/2/1/1/9	Postcard of the Stacks at Duncansby. Addressed to Miss Jessie Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower, from Annie (1 item)	Aug 1908
P1041/2/1/1/10	Postcard of Noss Head Lighthouse. Addressed to Mr and Mrs S Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower, from Belle (1 item)	1908
P1041/2/1/1/11	Postcard of Janet Street, Thurso. Addressed to Miss Jane Dunnett, Drumhead, Bower, from B&K Swanson (1 item)	1909
P1041/2/1/1/12	Postcard of the Village, Watten. Addressed to Mrs William S. Dunnett (Katie), Drumhead, Bower, from Watten (1 item)	1910

P1041/2/1/1/13	Postcard of Old Keiss Castle. Addressed to Johnnie from unknown correspondent (1 item)	c.1910
P1041/2/1/1/14	Postcard of the Free Church, Dunbeath. Addressed to Mrs Dunnnett, Drumhead, Bower, from Cathie (1 item)	c.1912
P1041/2/1/1/15	Postcard of Wick from Signal Station. Addressed to Mrs Dunnnett, Drumhead, Bower, from M. Swanson (1 item)	1915
P1041/2/1/1/16	Postcard of Main Street from East End, Castletown. Addressed to Mrs W.S. Dunnet, Drumhead Farm, Bower, from B.D. (1 item)	c.1915
P1041/2/1/1/17	Postcard of Roadside, Bower. Addressed to Gunner John Dunnnett, Aldershot, from unknown correspondent (1 item)	29 Jul 1916
P1041/2/1/1/18	Postcard of Keiss Castle. Addressed to Mr J. Dunnnett, Drumhead, Bower, from Alice (1 item)	25 Aug 1916
P1041/2/1/1/19	Postcard of Dunbeath. Addressed to Mr J. Dunnnett, Drumhead, Bower, from unknown correspondent (1 item)	c.1916
P1041/2/1/1/20	Postcard of Castlehill, Castletown. Addressed to Gnr. John Dunnnett, R.G.A., B.E.F., France from George Dunnnett (1 item)	24 Jan 1917
P1041/2/1/1/21	Postcard of Bower. Mentions John, Alice, and Auntie Bell (1 item)	1 Feb 1918
P1041/2/1/1/22	Postcard of the Old Man of Wick. Addressed to Bombardier John Dunnnett, B.E.F., France, from unknown correspondent (1 item)	May 1918
P1041/2/1/1/23	Postcard of Scouthel Woods, Watten. Addressed to Lance Bombardier J. Dunnnett, 151 st Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, B.E.F., France, from H. Tait (1 item)	20 Jun 1918
P1041/2/1/1/24	Postcard of Scoriclett, Watten. Addressed to Bombardier John Dunnnett from unknown correspondent (1 item)	26 Oct 1918
P1041/2/1/1/25	Postcard of Dunbeath Bay and Harbour. Addressed to Mrs Dunnnett, Drumhead, Bower, from Cathie (1 item)	25 Jul 1918
P1041/2/1/1/26	Postcard of the Stacks of the Brough, Wick. Addressed to Bombardier John Dunnnett, B.E.F., France, from unknown correspondent (1 item)	1918

P1041/2/1/1/27	Postcard of the Harbour, Dunbeath. Addressed to Miss A.S.N. Dunnett (Nancy), Lieurary Mains, Westfield, by Thurso, from cousin Barbara (1 item)	31 Jul 1929
P1041/2/1/1/28	Postcard of The Deil's Brig, Holborn Head. Addressed to Mrs W.S. Dunnett (Nanna), Framside, by Thurso, from Nancy (1 item)	c.1940
P1041/2/1/2	Other Places	1908-1917
P1041/2/1/2/1	Postcards received by the Dunnett family, Drumhead, Bowertower (6 items)	1908-1917
P1041/2/2	Postcards received by the Dunnett Family, Dalclaggie, Forss	c.1930-c.1990
P1041/2/2/1	Caithness Scenes	c.1938-c.1975
P1041/2/2/1/1	Photograph of Girnigoe Castle. Addressed to Miss A.S. Dunnet, Dalclaggie (1 item)	c.1938
P1041/2/2/1/2	Postcard of Thurso from the Castle Tower. Addressed to Mrs John Dunnett (Mam) from her daughter Ann (1 item)	c.1941
P1041/2/2/1/3	Postcard of Victoria Walk, Thurso. Addressed to Mrs W.S. Dunnett (Nanna), Dalclaggie, Forss, from Nancy (1 item)	1942
P1041/2/2/1/4	Postcard of Thurso Castle from the East. Addressd to Mrs John Dunnett (Mam), Dalclaggie, Forss, from Ann (1 item)	1943
P1041/2/2/1/5	Postcard of the Ord of Caithness. Addressed to Mrs J. Dunnett, Dalclaggie, from her daughters Anna and Kay (1 item)	c.1944
P1041/2/2/1/6	Postcard of the Great Stack of Duncansby. Addressed to K.H. Dunnett, Dalclaggie, from G (1 item)	c.1945
P1041/2/2/1/7	Postcard of Princes Street, Thurso. Addressed to Mr and Mrs John Dunnett, Dalclaggie, Forss, from Jim and Maria (1 item)	1948
P1041/2/2/1/8	Postcard of the interior of Old Canisbay Church. Addressed to Mrs Dunnett, Dalclaggie, from Aunty Marie (1 item)	Aug 1952
P1041/2/2/1/9	Postcard of Scrabster Harbour. Addressed to Mrs Dunnett (Mum), Dalclaggie, from Kay (1 item)	c.1953

P1041/2/2/1/10	Postcard of High Street, Thurso. Addressed to Mrs I. Dunnett, Dalclaggie, Forss from [her daughter] Ann (1 item)	1956
P1041/2/2/1/11	Postcard of the Last House in Scotland at John o' Groats. Addressed to Mrs J. Dunnet, Dalclaggie, from 'you know who' (1 item)	c.1975
P1041/2/2/1/12	Postcard of the High School, Wick. Shopping list written on the back (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/2/2	Other Places	c.1930-c.1990
P1041/2/2/2/1	Postcards received by John and Isabella Dunnett, Lieurary Mains and Dalclaggie, Forss (1 bundle)	c.1930-c.1990
P1041/2/3	Postcards received by Ann and Catherine Dunnett, Glasgow and Dalclaggie	1944-1994
P1041/2/3/1	Caithness Scenes	1944-1983
P1041/2/3/1/1	Postcard of Thurso from Oldfield. Addressed to Miss Catherine Dunnett, Forss, from Helen E. Hutchison (1 item)	31 Dec 1944
P1041/2/3/1/2	Postcard of The Mound, Auckengill. Addressed to Miss C. Dunnett (Kay), Dalclaggie, Forss, from Elsie (1 item)	c.1945
P1041/2/3/1/3	Postcard of Dunnet Head. Addressed to the Misses Dunnett from Dorothy and Tommy Carmichael (1 item)	c.1955
P1041/2/3/1/4	Postcard of Pigeons Cave, Duncansby, addressed to A. Dunnett from Kate (1 item)	c.1955
P1041/2/3/1/5	Postcard of 'The Great Stack of Duncansby', addressed to Miss K&A Dunnett from Sylvia and Sandy (1 item)	c.1955
P1041/2/3/1/6	Postcard of the Cairn Cross of Mey. Addressed to Miss K. Dunnett from Cliff (1 item)	Apr 1956
P1041/2/3/1/7	Postcard of the Hotel, John o' Groats. Addressed to Misses K&A Dunnett, Glasgow, from Hannah (1 item)	c.1958
P1041/2/3/1/8	Postcard of the John o' Groats Story. Addressed to Misses Ann and Kay Dunnett, Glasgow, from Aunty Marie (1 item)	11 Aug 1959
P1041/2/3/1/9	Postcard of the Castle of Mey. Addressed to Kay and Ann Dunnet from Iain (1 item)	17 Aug 1959

P1041/2/3/1/10	Postcard of Sir George's Street, Thurso, addressed to A. Dunnett from Kate (1 item)	c.1960
P1041/2/3/1/11	Postcard of the River Thurso. Addressed to Miss K.H. Dunnett from Cliff (1 item)	15 Aug 1960
P1041/2/3/1/12	Postcard of Thurso Harbour. Addressed to Misses K&A Dunnett, Glasgow, from Jim and John (1 item)	c.1962
P1041/2/3/1/13	Postcard of The Mill on the Forss, Thurso. Addressed to Miss A Dunnet, Glasgow, from M (1 item)	c.1962
P1041/2/3/1/14	Postcard of Dunbeath from Hotel. Addressed to Misses K&A Dunnett, Glasgow from John (1 item)	14 Jun 1963
P1041/2/3/1/15	Postcard of a map of the North of Scotland. Addressed to Misses K&A Dunnett from [Harry](1 item)	25 Nov 1963
P1041/2/3/1/16	Postcard of the Cairn Cross of Mey. Addressed to Misses A&K Dunnett from Aunty Marie(1 item)	Aug 1964
P1041/2/3/1/17	Postcard of 'the Rugged Caithness Coast at Dunbeath Castle'. Addressed to Misses K&A Dunnett, Glasgow, from John (1 item)	20 Aug 1965
P1041/2/3/1/18	Postcard of John o' Groats Post Office. Addressed to The Misses A&K Dunnett, Glasgow, from Aunty Nancy (1 item)	c.1966
P1041/2/3/1/19	Postcard of Crosskirk Bay, near Thurso. Addressed to the Misses A&K Dunnett, Glasgow, from Aunty Nancy (1 item)	Jul 1974
P1041/2/3/1/20	Postcard of the River and Bridge at Thurso. Addressed to Miss K.H. Dunnett, Glasgow, from Cliff (1 item)	c.1974
P1041/2/3/1/21	Postcard of The Last House, John o' Groats. Addressed to the Misses Dunnett, Glasgow, from Agnes Miller (1 item)	c.1974
P1041/2/3/1/22	Postcard of John o' Groat House Hotel and the Last House in Scotland. Addressed to Miss K. H. Dunnett from Cliff (1 item)	c.1975
P1041/2/3/1/23	Postcard of 'Poppies on the Moor', Caithness. Addressed to the Misses Dunnett, Glasgow, from Betty (1 item)	12 Jul 1979
P1041/2/3/1/24	Postcard of Wick Harbour. Addressed to the Misses Dunnett, Dalclaggie (1 item)	14 Jul 1983

P1041/2/3/2	Other Places	1948-1994
P1041/2/3/2/1	Postcards received by Ann and Catherine Dunnett (1 bundle)	1948-1959
P1041/2/3/2/2	Postcards received by Ann and Catherine Dunnett (1 bundle)	1960-1969
P1041/2/3/2/3	Postcards received by Ann and Catherine Dunnett (1 bundle)	1970-1979
P1041/2/3/2/4	Postcards received by Ann and Catherine Dunnett (1 bundle)	1980-1994
P1041/2/4	Postcards received by individuals outwith the Dunnett family	1908-c.1960
P1041/2/4/1	Postcard of Thurso Castle from the N.E. Addressed to Miss Swanson, 9 Traill Street, Thurso from Miss McLeod (1 item)	1908
P1041/2/4/2	Postcard of a Caithness Flagstone Quarry. Addressed to Miss Rosemary Topp, Auldearn, from Ann [Dunnett] (1 item)	c.1945
P1041/2/4/3	Postcard of Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, Canada, sent to Mary Swanson, Rockhill, Wick, with a recipe for ginger tablet (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/4/4	Postcard sent to Marie Swanson, c/o Mrs Dunnett, Dalclaggie, Forss, regarding a trip to the Devil's Elbow, Braemar (1 item)	c.1960
P1041/2/5	Blank Postcards	c.1900-c.1960
P1041/2/5/1	Caithness Scenes	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/1	Duplex album of Souvenir Views of Castletown (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/2	Postcard of the Established Church Manse, Castletown (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/3	Postcard of a capture of whales at Thurso on June 19 th , 1899 (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/4	Postcard of St Peter's Church, Thurso (2 items)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/5	Postcard of Thurso Bay (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/6	Postcard of the Turnpike, Thurso (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/7	Postcard of the Clett Rock, Thurso (1 item)	n.d.

P1041/2/5/1/8	Postcard of Thurso Promenade and Beach (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/9	Postcard of Thurso and the Orkneys (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/10	Postcard of the Beach and Thurso Castle (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/11	Postcard of Traill Street, Thurso (1 item)	c.1955
P1041/2/5/1/12	Postcard of St Peter's Church, Thurso (1 item)	c.1950
P1041/2/5/1/13	Postcard of Berriedale Cliffs (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/14	Postcard of Stags and Hinds at Berriedale Hill (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/15	Postcard of the Hairpin Bend of Berriedale Hill (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/16	Postcard of The Ord of Caithness (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/17	Postcard of the M.V. St. Ola at Scrabster Harbour (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/18	Postcard of the Lighthouse and Scrabster Bay, Thurso (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/19	Postcard of Scrabster Pier and Dunnet Head (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/20	Postcard of Dunnet Head, near Thurso (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/21	Postcard of Crosskirk Bay, near Thurso (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/22	Postcard of Pigeons Cave, Duncansby (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/23	Postcard of John Grot's stone at Old Canisbay Church (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/24	Postcard of the 'Twelfth' on a Caithness Grouse Moor (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/25	Postcard of Drifters Arriving, Wick (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/26	Postcard of The Bridge, Wick (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/27	Postcard of the High School, Wick (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/28	Postcard of Scorriclett, Watten (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/29	Postcard of Whaligoe Steps (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/30	Postcard of Dunbeath Castle (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/31	Postcard of Dunbeath Castle (1 item)	n.d.

P1041/2/5/1/32	Postcard of Old Keiss Castle (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/33	Postcard of Humpit Brig, River Forss, Thurso (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/1/34	Postcard of Forss River and Mill (1 item)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/2	Other Places	c.1920-c.1980
P1041/2/5/2/1	Scenes of the Highlands and Islands (1 bundle)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/2/2	Scenes of Scotland (1 bundle)	n.d.
P1041/2/5/2/3	Scenes of Ireland, Wales, and England (1 bundle)	n.d.