

P974 Robert Walker Collection

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P974

Alternative reference number:

Title: Robert Walker Collection

Dates of creation: 1841-2011, n.d.

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 232 CDs, 5579 35mm slides, 1 box

Format: CDs, slides, paper, photograph

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Robert Walker, Sandy Gunn, Iain Sutherland and Alexander Bain

Administrative history: Robert Walker

Robert Walker moved to Caithness as a child when his father was posted to Dounreay in 1959. His family spent a year in Strathy before being relocated to Thurso into 'Atomic' Housing. Robert taught Science/Biology at Thurso High School for all of his working life and was an avid bird watcher and photographer.

Sandy Gunn

Sandy Gunn worked at Vulcan and was also a keen photographer along with Robert, and the two of them would accompany each other to take photographs of the area and their personal interests.

Iain Sutherland

Iain Sutherland was a prolific local historian who was born in Wick and who lived in Wick all of his life. Iain was awarded an MBE for his services to local heritage in 2006. He was an employee at the Dounreay Nuclear Site for many years before retiring and becoming the Chairman of the Wick Society where he was fundamental in securing premises for the Wick Heritage Museum and preserving local heritage. Iain sadly passed away in 2020, aged 83.

Alexander Bain

Alexander Bain is one of the best-known Caithness inventors. He was born in Watten in 1810 and first apprenticed with a watch and clockmaker in Wick. During his apprenticeship he attended a lecture on electricity held in Thurso, and the subject fascinated him.

In 1837 Bain travelled to London to finish his apprenticeship and then in 1844 he moved back to Edinburgh to set up his workshop. During his lifetime he invented and patented a great many inventions including the electric clock, electric printing telegraph, earth battery, typewriter ribbon, the facsimile machine, insulation for electric cables and the optical measure for spirits, still in use today.

Custodial history: Deposited by Robert Walker

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: 35mm photography slides taken by Robert Walker and Sandy Gunn of Caithness c.1970-2007; CDs of oral history recordings, mostly by Iain Sutherland; material related to Alexander Bain (Caithness scientist and inventor), including photocopies of patents filed by Bain with the Patent Office, as well as photocopied newspaper articles related to Bain and his work.

Appraisal:

Accruals: None 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 within the archive searchroom and online

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: Aug 2024

Ref.	Description	Dates
P974	Robert Walker Collection	1841-2011, n.d.
P974/1	Robert Walker photograph collection	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/1	35mm slides – Box 1	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/1/1	CD titled 'Slides – Robert Walker' (1 item)	n.d.
P974/1/1/2	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/1/3	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes the following locations and wildlife: Achanarras, Yarrows, Achscrabster, Ackergill, Strathy Head, Ahcastle / Forse, Forse / Tinker's Cave, Aukengill, nature / bird and Stroma.</p> <p>Row B, includes the following locations and wildlife: Scapa House Demolition / Thurso, Aukengill, Scrabster, Bad Ryrie, Strathmore, Dirlot, Orlig Chapel / Castletown, Balachly Cemetery, Balligill, Beinn Ratha, Gillock, Ben Dorrerey, nature / bird and nature / mammal.</p> <p>Row C, includes the following locations and wildlife: Ben Dorrerey, Berriedale, Thurso, nature / plant, Bettyhill, Bilbster, Library extension / Thurso, Borgue, Bower, nature / mammal and nature / fungus.</p> <p>Row D, includes the following locations and wildlife: Bower, Weigh Inn / Thurso, Brabster, Braemore, Scrabster, Brims, Bruan, Halsary, Brubster, Bucholie, nature / fungus and nature / mammal.</p> <p>Row E, includes the following locations and wildlife: Burnside, Calder, Cairn / Camster, Thurso, Canisbay, Wick, nature / mammal, nature / reptile, nature /</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.

	amphibian, nature / fossil, nature / mollusc, nature / crustacean, nature / fish and nature / insect.	
P974/1/2	35mm slides – Box 2	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/2/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/2/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Canisbay, Lighthouse / Cape Wrath, Wind Mill / Castlehill, Waterwheel / Castlehill, Castletown, Duncansby, Strath Connon, nature / insect, nature / invertebrate, nature / mammal, nature / flowers garden and nature / flowers wild.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Castletown, Bad Rynie, Poor House / Causeymire, Hill o many stanes / Clyth, Clyth, Scrabster, Thurso, Cnoc Freiceadain, County Show and nature / flowers wild.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: County Show, Dun and nature / flowers wild.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: County Show, Dun, transport, Robert Dick, Dale, Dirlot, nature / flowers wild, nature / mammal and nature / bird.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Dirlot, Dornoch, Hotel / John O’Groats, Holborn Head, Dounreay, Dunbeath, Thurso, Scrabster and nature / flowers wild.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/3	35mm slides – Box 3	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/3/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/3/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Dunbeath, Geoff Leet, Lighthouse / Duncansby, Thurso Gala 1999 / Thurso, Dunnet, nature / flowers wild, nature / mammal, nature / bird and nature / fungi.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Dunnet, Thurso, Mary Ann’s Cottage / Dunnet, Dunnet Head, Queen Mother and Prince Andrew,</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.

	<p>Dunrobin, Huna, Smoo Cave / Durness, nature / bird, nature / fungus, nature / insect and nature / plant.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: Durness, Loch Caluim, Dwarick, Olig, Eagle Rock, Comet, Eilan Nan Ron, Sjoborgin wreck / fishing, fishing, nature / plant, nature / mammal, nature / bird, nature / sky and Canoe contest / Thurso people.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Fishing, Forse, Thurso, Forsinard, Girnigoe, Freswick, St Mary's Chapel / Forss, Forss, Halkirk and Scrabster.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Freswick, Garrywhin, Scrabster, distillery / Geise, Geise, Gills, Girnigoe, Loch More, Cape Wrath, John O'Groats, nature / flower, Castlehill, Golspie, Dunbeath, Stroma and Strathy.</p>	
P974/1/4	35mm slides – Box 4	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/4/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/4/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Gerston House / Halkirk, Horse Mill / Halkirk, Poor House / Halkirk, Halkirk, Stroma, Ham, Old Mill / Ham, Harrow, Ice House / Harrow, Gen. Horne Well / Haster, Haster, Hellshetter, Cholera Cemetery / Houstry, Houstry, Scrabster, Castletown, Broubster, Shebster, Thurso and Rangag.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Holborn Head, Loch Eriboll, Smoo Cave, Halkirk, Houstry, Huna, Mill / Huna, 2002 Thurso Gala Procession / Thurso, Rangag, nature / plant and Scrabster.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: John O Groats, Castletown, Clearance Village / Ousdale, Keiss, Thurso, Keiss Murdo Sinclair / hand cutting peat, church / Kildonan, Gills, Houstry, Canisbay, Scrabster, nature / plant, Freswick and Holborn Head.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Kildonan, Laidhay, Scrabster, Lairg, Langwell, Thurso, Latheron, Watten and nature / plant.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Latheron, Loch Caluim, Loch Shurrery, Swiney House / Lybster, Lybster, Harald's Tower / Thurso, Scapa</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.

	House demolition / Thurso, Skitten, Castletown, Bower and 2002 Thurso Gala Procession / Thurso.	
P974/1/5	35mm slides – Box 5	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/5/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/5/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Lybster, Thurso, Lyth, Maiden Pap, Drill Hall / Mey, cliff top curing shed / Mid Clyth, Scrabster, Fish House / Occumster, Olig, Welch Stone / Ord, Skara Brae / Orkney, nature / plant, nature / bird and Thurso Gala 2000 / Thurso.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Skara Brae / Orkney, broch / Ousdale, foundry / Thurso, Pentland Skerries, Rangag, Cairn of Get Clyth, Duncasby Stacks, Reay, nature / plant, Watten, Northlands Festival sculpture / Thurso and nature / bird.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: Reay, Cairn of Get Clyth, Laidhay, Reiss, Rumster, Sarclett, Scarfskerry, Scarmsclate, Shebster, Scotland's Haven, Scotsclader, Scrabster, Scrabster House / Scrabster, Clyth, Westerdale, nature / plant and nature / bird.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Royals / Scrabster, Sandside House / Reay, Scrabster, nature / plant, Thurso, Gills, Freswick and Dunnet.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Scrabster, Sandside House / Reay, Wick, Thurso, nature / bird, nature / mollusc, nature / plant, Dunnet Head, Duncansby Head and Holborn Head.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/6	35mm slides – Box 6	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/6/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/6/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: ships / Scrabster and nature / plant.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.

	<p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Scrabster, Shebster, Sibster, Skirza, Wick and Gaelic tree alphabet stone carvings / Borgie.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: St Magnus Chapel / Spittal, St John's Point, Wick, Thurso, Staxigoe, Straths, Strathy, 2001 Thurso Gala Floats / Thurso and nature / plant.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Strathy, mill / Thurso, chapel / Brims, castle / Dounreay, Scrabster, Stroma and nature / plant.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: nature / plant, Weigh Inn / Thurso, Ulbster, Stroupster, Ulbster, Talmine, Thrumster, Tongue, Bain clock repair / Watten and Watten.</p>	
P974/1/7	35mm slides – Box 7	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/7/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/7/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: two wheel mill / Watten, Scarmclate, Wester, peatworks / Westerdale, mill / Westerdale, Westfield, quarry / Weydale, Thurso, Whaligoe and nature / plant.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Whaligoe, Old Wick Castle, herring / Wick, Scrabster, Dunnet and nature / plant.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: nature / plant, Wick, Scrabster, Ackergill, John O'Groats, Halkirk, Thurso, Girnigoe and Braemore.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Wick, Yarrow, Causewaymire, Canisbay, Staxigoe, Aukengill, Dunnet, Stroma, Keiss, Reiss, Scrabster, Reay, Langwell, John O'Groats, Duncansbay, Thurso, Lybster, Mey, Loch More, Castletown and Dunbeath.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Mey, Langwell garden, Lybster, non-Caithness / Sueno's Stone, Thurso, Latheron, Wick and Scrabster.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/8	35mm slides – Box 8	c.1970-2000s, n.d.

P974/1/8/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/8/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: fish curing house / Thurso, Ormlie Lodge / Thurso, Thurso, Gills, Scrabster, Dunbar Hospital / Thurso and Pentland Lodge / Thurso.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: castle / Thurso, Thurso, Scrabster, foundry / Thurso, brewery / Thurso, Iresgoe and Ulbster.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: Olig Street Church /Thurso, Thurso, Scrabster and Johnston's Studio / Wick.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: snow / Thurso, Orkney, Thurso, Sir John Sinclair / Thurso, Robert Dick / Thurso, H. Purves Bain vase / Thurso, Halkirk, Berriedale, nature / bird, Ulbster Stone / Thurso, Camster and Westfield.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: undated Thurso Gala / Thurso, Thurso, Old St Peters / Thurso, Scrabster, Strathy, Nybster, Lybster, Tongue and Ackergill.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/9	35mm slides – Box 9	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/9/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/9/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Old St Peters / Thurso, Thurso, Northlands Statues / Thurso, Lybster, Dunbeath, Camster and Canisbay.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Thurso, Wick, Namigoe Cave / Thurso, Bullshoet, Camster and Dounreay.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: storms / Thurso, Wick, Thurso, Traill Street / Thurso and Raft Race 1998 / Thurso.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Bleachfield / Thurso, Thurso, nature / mammal, weather / Thurso, Wick, Loch of Mey, Loch More, Reay, Brims, Ackergill, Mey, Dunnet, Keiss and Scarferry.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.

	Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: flooding / Thurso, Thurso, Wick, Georgemans, Dounreay, Strathy Point, Keiss, Reissgill, Lybster, Thurso High School / Thurso, Weigh Inn / Thurso, Scrabster, Loch More and Ackergill.	
P974/1/10	35mm slides – Box 10	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/10/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items)	n.d.
P974/1/10/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Thurso, Tinker's Cave / Thurso, fish wives / Thurso, Gala Queen / Thurso, Weigh Inn after fire / Thurso, Camster, Achavanich, Yarrow, Scrabster, Starthmore, Keiss, Castletown, Dunnet Head and Reissgill.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Pennyland Chapel / Thurso, Georgemans, Old Mill / Watten, steam train visit / Thurso, Achavanich, Scrabster, Mary Ann's Cottage / Dunnet and Thurso.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: Holborn Head, Scrabster, Gerston Distillery / Halkirk, Halkirk, Thurso, Keiss, nature / bird, nature / weather, Dounreay, Girnigoe, Stemster, Shore Street Tower / Thurso, Sir John's Square / Thurso and Orlig Street / Thurso.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Scrabster House / Scrabster, Dunbeath, Dunrobin, Mey, Dounreay, Halkirk, hotel / John O'Groat, Forse House / Forse, Strathmore Lodge, Castletown, Portland Arms / Lybster, Ackergill, Freswick, Castletown, Wick and Thurso.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Huna, Halkirk, Scrabster, Keiss, Thurso, Aukengill, Nybster, Wester, Mey, Stroma, nature / mammal, nature / flower, Wick, Bucholie, lighthouse / Dunnet Head, Ormlie Lodge / Thurso and Naver House / Thurso.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/11	35mm slides – Box 11	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/11/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (11 items)	n.d.

P974/1/11/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Dounreay, Thurso, St John's Head, nature / plant, Gills, Stroma, Pentland Hotel / Thurso, Royal Hotel / Thurso, Old St Peters / Thurso, Castlehill and Scrabster.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Stroma, Thurso, nature / bird, Girnigoe, Laidhay, Old St Peters / Thurso, Wick and Scrabster.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: nature / plant, Scrabster, Thurso, Sandside House and garden / Reay and Dounreay.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Thurso, Scrabster, nature / insect, nature / plant, nature / bird, Morven and nature / mammal.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Thurso, Scrabster, nature / plant, nature / fish fossil, Wick Museum Store, Wick and 2004 Christmas lights / Thurso.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/12	35mm slides – Box 12	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/12/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items) [note that box number in typed column is incorrectly listed as box 15]	n.d.
P974/1/12/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: snow / Thurso, Halkirk, Lady Thurso / Thurso, Wick, Scrabster, Thurso, nature / plant and 2002 Gala / Thurso.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: snow / Thurso, Thurso, RNLi demolition / Scrabster, Scrabster, nature / bird, nature / plant and Thurso Museum.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: Thurso Museum, Thurso, Scrabster, nature / plant, Ham, Staxigoe, Ackergill and Wick.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Wick, Crosskirk, Reay, Thurso, Nybster, Lybster, Gills, John O'Groats, Skirza and nature / plant.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Thurso, nature / mammal, Scrabster, nature / plant and nature / bird.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.

P974/1/13	35mm slides – Box 13	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/13/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (10 items) [note that box number in typed column is incorrectly listed as box 16]	n.d.
P974/1/13/2	<p>35mm slides (360 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Scrabster, Thurso, nature / plant, Ulbster, Clyth, Thrumster, Mulbuie Houstry and nature / fungi.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: nature / bird, Stemster, Halkirk, Brubster, Scrabster, Bower, Westfield, Thurso, nature / plant, Borgie, Mey, Duncansby, Bettyhill, Strathy and Ulbster.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: Thurso, Castlehill, Dwarick, Brough, Ham, Scrabster, Thurso, nature / plant, Camster, Cairn of Get, nature / bird, Wick, Watten and Staxigoe.</p> <p>Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Thurso, Halsary, Thuster, Dorrery, Lybster, Latheron, Achavanich, Dounreay, Braemore, Scrabster, Spittal, Noss Head, Ulbster, Reay, Staxigoe and nature / bird.</p> <p>Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Scrabster, Thurso, storm of December 2000 / Thurso, nature / mammal, Thurso and nature / bird.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/14	35mm slides – Box 14	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/14/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (6 items) [note that box number in typed column is incorrectly listed as box 17]	n.d.
P974/1/14/2	<p>35mm slides (210 items)</p> <p>Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Scrabster, Thurso, nature / mammal, nature / bird and nature / plants.</p> <p>Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: nature / bird, nature / plant, Thurso, Scrabster, Lidl / Thurso and 2000 Gala / Thurso.</p> <p>Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: nature / bird, St John's Point, nature / mammal, Scrabster, Thurso, Orkney and Stroma.</p>	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/15	35mm slides – Box 15	n.d.

P974/1/15/1	No list is provided for box 15 and there are some signs of possible damage to some of the slides in particular in Row D (360 items)	n.d.
P974/1/16	35mm slides – Box 16	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/1/16/1	Detailed document of slide contents listing row, box number, place, theme and notes, such as specific name of the animal species and/or structure (6 items)	n.d.
P974/1/16/2	35mm slides (329 items) Row A, includes following locations and wildlife: Pipe Band 1969 / Wick, Gala 2006 / Thurso, Royal Family 1969 / Scrabster, Iain Sutherland Black and White / Dounreay. Row B, includes following locations and wildlife: Iain Sutherland Black and White / Dounreay, Scrabster, nature / bird, nature / plant, nature unusual / Great Spate Oct 2006 Thurso and Foreign Street Market / Thurso. Row C, includes following locations and wildlife: Senior Staff / Dounreay, Scrabster, shops and businesses / Thurso, nature / plant and Gala 2007 / Thurso. Row D, includes following locations and wildlife: Gala 2007 / Thurso and Henry Purves 1968-78. Row E, includes following locations and wildlife: Henry Purves 1968-78.	c.1970-2000s, n.d.
P974/2	Alexander Bain material	1841-1990, n.d.
P974/2/1	Photocopy of Patent 8783 – Clocks, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	11 Jan 1841, c.1990s
P974/2/2	Photocopy of Patent 8996 – Inkstands and Holders, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	21 Jun 1841, c.1990s
P974/2/3	Photocopy of Patent 9204 – Remote Control of Trains, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	21 Dec 1841, c.1990s
P974/2/4	Photocopy of Patent 9745 – Printing Telegraph, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	27 May 1843, c.1990s
P974/2/5	Photocopy of Patent 10450 – Ship's Log and Recorder, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	31 Dec 1844, c.1990s
P974/2/6	Photocopy of Patent 10838 – Clocks and Telegraphs, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	25 Sep 1845, c.1990s

P974/2/7	Photocopy of Patent 11480 – Electric Telegraphs, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	12 Dec 1846, c.1990s
P974/2/8	Photocopy of Patent 11584 – Electric Clocks, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	19 Feb 1847, c.1990s
P974/2/9	Photocopy of Patent 11886 – Musical Instruments, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	7 Oct 1847, c.1990s
P974/2/10	Photocopy of Patent 14146 – Electric Telegraphs and Timekeepers, Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	29 May 1852, c.1990s
P974/2/11	Newspaper articles discussing Alexander Bain, his life and inventions (1 bundle)	c.1970-1990
P974/2/12	File labelled 'Alexander Bain' containing copies of correspondence related to Bain and his inventions and Watten memorial, as well as newspaper articles and a copy of Caithness Science Festival lecture on Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	1970-1980, n.d.
P974/2/13	Correspondence discussing Alexander Bain and his work between a Harry and a Barbara, including accompanying letters from The Antiquarian Horological Society and John Storer (1 bundle)	1978-1979
P974/2/14	Photocopied chapters of various books and journals related to Alexander Bain (1 bundle)	n.d.
P974/2/15	Spiral bound volume titled 'Caithness Articles of Interest Volume 5, Comprising the following: Various Articles on Alexander Bain. Including photographs of the Bain Clock in Watten Hall' (1 volume)	n.d.
P974/3	Oral History and Local History CD Collection	c.1970-2011, n.d.
P974/3/1	Spiral bound notebook containing details of the CD collection contents (1 item)	n.d.
P974/3/2	Typed list titled 'Oral History tapes (by person) – NHA Collection No P384' (2 items)	n.d.
P974/3/3	CD album containing the following CDs (230 items): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Iain Sutherland tapes' CDs (121 items) • 'I.Sutherland tapes, DVD batch' CDs (15 items) • 'Talking to Caithness Old People about Life' CDs (40 items) • 'Thurso and Stroma Fishing tapes' CDs (2 items) • 'Thurso Nuisance Book from Nov 18872 to Oct 1899' CDs (6 items) 	c.1970-2011, n.d.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'R A Anderson tapes' CDs (2 items) • 'Interview with Iain Sutherland of Wick regarding his childhood days, parts 1 and 2' CD, 24 May 2006 (1 item) • 'Interview with Sinclair Houston of Thurso regarding his childhood days' CD, 30 May 2006 (1 item) • 'Sinclair Houston Disc 2' CD, 6 Jun 2006 (1 item) • 'Alex Cameron's reminiscences from early childhood to National Service' CD, 15 Jun 2006 (1 item) • 'Grannies Songs and Stories, Frieda Murray' CDs, 2006 (2 items) • 'Iain Sutherland's memories disc 2 "working life and Wick Heritage project"' CD, 20 Jun 2006 (1 item) • 'Iain Sutherland's memories disc 3 "His Projects"' CD, 5 Jul 2006 (1 item) • 'Duncan Cormack's final years Police Service in Thurso' CD, 2 Oct 2006 (1 item) • 'Duncan Cormack disc 1 "Childhood to call up to Marines"' CD, 2006 (1 item) • 'Duncan Cormack disc 2 "Normandie landings"' CD, 7 Jul 2006 (1 item) • 'Duncan Cormack disc 3 "Relieving Channel Islands and war in the Far East"' CD, 12 Jul 2006 (1 item) • 'Duncan Cormack disc 4 "Police career-Part 1"' CD, 25 Jul 2006 (1 item) • 'Duncan Cormack disc 5 "Police duties in Castletown"' CD, 21 Aug 2006 (1 item) • 'Interview with Sinclair Houston "D Day to retirement-disc 3"' CD, 21 Jul 2006 (1 item) • 'Interview with Sinclair and Norma Houston, "Shops of Old Thurso – disc 4"' CD, 26 Jul 2006 (1 item) • 'Sinclair and Norma Houston "Shops of Old Thurso, Part 2-disc 5"' CD, 23 Aug 2006 (1 item) • 'David Bews Talk, The Duke of Kent's plane crash at Eagles Rock' CD, 13 Jun 2006 (1 item) • 'Nan Bethune, Place Names of N.E.' CD (1 item) • 'Raymond Lamb, Caithness Archaeology' CD (1 item) • 'Sinclair Houston and Jimmy Wilson's talk to Reminiscences Group, "The Old Shops in Thurso"' CD, 3 Oct 2006 (1 item) 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Harry Gray's Talk to Caithness FHS – "Caithness Characters of the 19th Century"' CD, 8 Nov 2006 (1 item) • 'Thurso Map 1790 by Alan Macivor' CD, 5 Dec 2006 (1 item) • 'Duncan Cormack' CD (1 item) • 'Duncan Cormack B, Mrs Carney, Mrs Clark' CD (1 item) • 'Fishing Part 1' CD (1 item) • 'Fishing Part 2, Janet Maclean' CD (1 item) • 'Falconer Waters 1 A/B' CD (1 item) • 'Falconer Waters 2 A/B' CD (1 item) • 'Donald Omand a/b, "A View of Caithness"' CD (1 item) • 'Odyssey Flagstone Quarry' CD (1 item) • 'Mrs Catherine Macdonald' CD (1 item) • 'Lecture by Dr David Alston on Highlands and Slavery at UHI Inverness' CD, 26 Jul 2007 (1 item) • 'Lecture by John Macdonald on Highland Clearances in Rogart at UHI Inverness' CD, 24 Jul 2007 (1 item) • 'Prof Eric Richard's lecture on the Highland Clearances given at UHI Inverness' CD, 23 Jul 2007 (1 item) • 'Caithness Horizons, Introduction and Robert Dick' CD, Feb 2010 (1 item) • 'Caithness Horizons, Nigel Trewin and Hugh Miller' CD, Feb 2010 (1 item) • 'Darwin-Miller-Dick-Connected Lives, Darwin and the Evolution of our Native Orchids by Roy Sexton, Plant Scientist, ex-University of Stirling' CD, 13 Feb 2010 (1 item) • 'Darwin-Miller-Dick-Connected Lives, The Evolution of Creation, Science and Religion before the Origin of Species, Dr Ralph O'Connor, University of Aberdeen' CD, 13 Feb 2010 (1 item) • 'Dr Mearns, Gaelic and the Caithness Dialect' CD (1 item) • 'Family History, Harry Gray, Caithness Worthies' CD (1 item) • 'Dunbeath Chapel Hill Dig' CD, Jul 2010 (1 item) • 'Jim Miller, Dunbar Papers' CD (1 item) • 'Harry Gray, Superstitions' CD (1 item) • 'Houston Sinclair' CD, Feb 2011 (1 item) 	
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