

P779 Papers of the Wade family

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P779

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Title: Papers of the Wade Family

Dates of creation: 1889-2024

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box

Format: Paper, CD, VHS

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Wade family; Ulbster Burial Ground Committee; Dounreay; various

Administrative history: Wade Family
Bernard and Jessie (nee Holsworth) Wade originally from Leeds in Yorkshire, moved to Caithness with their 6 children (Denise, Michael, Paul, Angela, Peter and Colin) in the 1960s, in order for Bernard to take a position at Dounreay. Bernard would go on to work at Dounreay until his retirement in the late 1980s.

Ulbster Burial Ground
The Ulbster Burial Ground is believed to have been established around the 1700s. This date is based upon the Ulbster Sinclair Mausoleum that sits in the centre of the site.

The Mausoleum is constructed on the ruins of St Martins Chapel, however, there is no evidence that any elements of the original structure were used in the construction of the current building. The earliest burial dates from 1722.

The Ulbster Pictish Stone, which originally stood in the corner of the graveyard, now stands in the North Coast Visitor Centre in Thurso.
[information taken from 'Caithness Family History Society: Ulbster Burial Ground]

Dounreay

The UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) was formed in 1954 when the British Government set up a new body to oversee the nation's nuclear research programme. The role was to provide Britain's atomic weapons deterrent and develop reactor technologies for the nuclear power stations of the future.

Early achievements included the Dounreay Fast Reactor, which went critical in 1959.

The civil nuclear programme ended with the closure of the Prototype Fast Reactor at Dounreay in 1994.

In April 2005 the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) was formed to take responsibility for the UK's civil nuclear clean-up programme. UKAEA became a contractor to the NDA for management of decommissioning at Dounreay, Harwell, Windscale, Winfrith and the JET facilities at Culham.

In April 2008, UKAEA Limited was formed as a commercial arm, subsidiary company Dounreay Site Restoration Limited (DSRL) was licensed by the NII, and the Windscale site was merged into the newly licensed Sellafield Limited.

Following a sale process announced by Government in March 2009, UKAEA Limited, together with its subsidiary companies DSRL and RSRL, were sold to Babcock International Group PLC on 31st October 2009. The remaining UKAEA organisation then focused on fusion energy research at Culham.

Custodial history:

Ulbster Burial Ground records - originals held by depositor's family, photocopies donated to the Caithness Archive

Other material deposited by family member.

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:

Photocopies of Ulbster Burial Ground Committee collections book, 1930-1973; Ulbster Burial Ground minute book 1889-

1912, 1965-1970.

Caithness Family History Society: Ulbster Burial Ground, a photographic and transcription record of the memorials within the graveyard, transcriptions and supporting research by Fiona Wade (nee Begg).

Material related to the Wade family and their employment with Dounreay.

Various Caithness related material, including two CDs and copies of photographs.

Appraisal: -

Accruals: -

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: **Some restrictions due to Data Protection**

Closed until: Some items closed for 75 years

Access conditions: Standard conditions apply

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: P778 – Dounreay Nuclear Facility Heritage Material

Publication: -

Notes: -

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P779	Papers of the Wade family	1889-2024
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P779/1/1	Photocopies of Ulbster Burial Ground Committee collections book, 1930-1973; Ulbster Burial Ground	1889-1973

	minute book 1889-1912, 1965-1970 (1 file)	
P779/1/2	<i>Caithness Family History Society: Ulbster Burial Ground, a photographic and transcription record of the memorials within the graveyard, transcriptions and supporting research by Fiona Wade [nee Begg] (1 volume)</i>	2024
P779/2	Material related to the Wade family and their employment with Dounreay	c.1960-1990
P779/2/1	UKAEA Reactor Group Concessions to Dounreay Staff (1 item)	c.1960s
P779/2/2	UKAEA Notes on Conditions of Employment (1 item)	c.1960s
P779/2/3	UKAEA Development and Engineering Group Guide to the Principal Non-Industrial Superannuation Scheme (1 item)	c.1960s
P779/2/4	UKAEA Dounreay Experimental Reactor Establishment Explanatory notes relating to Appointments in the Technical Works and Engineering Classes and Analogous Grades (2 items)	c.1960s
P779/2/5	Mount Vernon Housing Estate notice by Housing Manager (1 item)	c.1960s
P779/2/6	Daily Express Press Cutting with job advert for Operations Foreman at Dounreay (1 item)	20 Sep 1961
P779/2/7	Letter and hand drawn sketches from Bernard Wade to his wife Jessie (8 items) [Closed for 75 years]	7 Dec 1962
P779/2/8	P.F.R. Operations Group: Admin. Notice No. 37 Recent and Forthcoming Staff Movements (2 items)	Sep 1969 - Feb 1970
P779/2/9	Dounreay Fly Fishing Association Member's Card, made out to Mr Wade (1 item)	1970
P779/2/10	UKAEA Professional & Technology Group Pay Sheet No. 24 (1 item)	13 Jun 1985
P779/2/11	Caricature of Bernard Wade, titled 'Wade's Guide to Power Plant Commissioning: Part 16, Automatic Fire Protection System' (1 item) [Bernard is front left holding a clipboard]	c.1980s
P779/2/12	Bernard Wade's leaving card, given on his retirement from Dounreay, front of card has humorous illustration titled 'C.P.P. Resin Change, obtaining an interface, resin removal' (1 item) [inside	c.1980s

	reads: Best wishes for a long and happy retirement from all at P.F.R, and contains numerous signatures]	
P779/2/13	VHS of ' <i>Fast Reactors: The Caithness Dimension</i> ' created by AEA . This film looks back on the history of the fast reactor development programme at Dounreay [also available on YouTube under DounreayTV as of 07 Oct 2021] (1 item)	c. 1990
P779/3	Various	1955-2004
P779/3/1	Three photograph prints taken during 'Operation Snowdrop' showing the cottage beside Lyth Arts Centre (3 items)	1955
P779/3/2	CD titled ' <i>25 years of The Caithness Junior Fiddlers</i> ' (1 item)	2004
P779/3/3	CD titled ' <i>Danny McLean: Accompanied by Margaret Jackson</i> ' (1 item)	2004