

P1073 Postcards of Caithness

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number:	GB1741/P1073
Alternative reference number:	
Title:	Postcards of Caithness
Dates of creation:	c.1878-1906
Level of description:	Fonds
Extent:	15 items
Format:	Paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators:	Various: F. Hartmann, William Rae, James Valentine, Raphael Tuck & Sons, George Washington Wilson
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Administrative history:	<u>Valentines of Dundee</u>
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Valentines of Dundee was founded in 1851 by James Valentine. In 1879 after his passing his two sons William and George Dobson Valentine took over the business, with William deciding in 1898 to enter the picture postcard market. By 1900 they employed a staff of photographers who worked on location from spring until early autumn and then spent the rest of the year processing the results. The 1950s saw the firm begin to wane and after July 1966 no new monochrome views were registered.

Raphael Tuck & Sons

Raphael Tuck & Sons was a business started by Raphael Tuck and his wife in Bishopsgate in the City of London in October 1866,[1] selling pictures and greeting cards, and eventually selling postcards, which was their most successful line. Their business was one of the best known in the "postcard boom" of the late 1890s and early 1900s. During the Blitz, the company headquarters, Raphael House, was destroyed, including the originals for

most of their series. The company never fully recovered.

George Washington Wilson

George Washington Wilson (7 February 1823 – 9 March 1893)[1] was a pioneering Scottish photographer.[2] In 1849, he began a career as a portrait miniaturist, switching to portrait photography in 1852. He received a contract to photograph the Royal Family, working for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. He pioneered various techniques for outdoor photography and the mass production of photographic prints as he gradually began to largely do landscape photography in the 1860s. By 1864, he claimed to have sold over half a million copies.

Custodial history:

Deposited by a member of the public

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:

Postcards of Caithness scenes

Appraisal:

None

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 within the archive searchroom and [online](#)

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

P1034 – Postcards from Robert J. McMillan; P1041 – The Dalclaggie Postcard Collection; P1051 – Caithness Postcards

Publication:

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Notes:

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P1073	Postcards of Caithness	c.1878-1906
P1073/1	Postcard of 'Northcote Street, Wick' by F. Hartmann (1 item)	c.1900
P1073/2	'Train Just Arrived at Wick' with pullout pictures, Mailing Novelty postcard by Valentine (1 item)	c.1878
P1073/3	Postcard of 'Old Keiss Castle, near Wick' by Valentine (1 item)	c.1891
P1073/4	Postcard of 'The Great Stack of Duncansby, near Wick' by Valentine (1 item)	c.1881
P1073/5	Postcard of 'Wick Harbour' by Valentine (1 item)	1906
P1073/6	Postcard of 'Wick Harbour' by W. Rae, Wick, printed in Berlin (1 item)	c.1900
P1073/7	Postcard of 'Wick Harbour in Fishing Season' by F. Hartmann (1 item)	c.1900
P1073/8	Postcard of 'Wick, From River' by W. Rae, Wick, printed in Berlin (1 item)	c.1900
P1073/9	Postcard of 'Old Man of Wick' by Raphael Tuck & Sons (1 item)	1914
P1073/10	Postcard of 'Bridge Street, Wick' by W. Rae, printed in Berlin (1 item)	c.1900
P1073/11	Postcard of 'herring Boats Going Out, Wick' by Valentine (1 item)	c.1900
P1073/12	Postcard of 'Bucholie Castle' by Valentine (1 item)	1891
P1073/13	Postcard of Castle Sinclair and Girnigoe, Wick' by W. Rae, Wick, printed in Berlin (1 item)	c.1900
P1073/14	Postcard of 'Wick Harbour' by W. Rae, Wick, printed in Berlin (1 item)	c.1900
P1073/15	Postcard of 'Lybster from North' by George Washington Wilson (1 item)	c.1904