

P1024 Quatercentenary Celebration Album

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P1024

Alternative reference number:

Title: Quatercentenary Celebration Album

Dates of creation: 1989, 2023

Level of description: Fond

Extent: 51 digital files

Format: .jpg (JPG)

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Valerie Webster (nee Sutherland)

Administrative history: 1989 marked Wick's 400th anniversary as a Royal Burgh. In 1589 King James VI granted Wick a crown precept of sasine establishing it as a royal burgh (see BW/3/5).

A royal burgh was a type of Scottish burgh which had been founded by, or subsequently granted, a royal charter. Although abolished in 1975, the term is still used in many of the former burghs.

Most royal burghs were seaports, and each was either created by the crown, or upgraded from another status, such as burgh of barony. As discrete classes of burgh emerged the royal burghs, originally distinctive by virtue of the fact they were on royal lands, acquired a monopoly of foreign trade.

An important document for each burgh was its burgh charter, creating the burgh or confirming the rights of the burgh as laid down (perhaps verbally) by a previous monarch. Each royal burgh was represented in the Parliament of Scotland and could appoint bailies with wide powers in civil and criminal justice.

Quatercentenary celebration events took place throughout 1989 at which the chosen Quatercentenary Queen, Valerie Sutherland, was in frequent attendance along with her Maid of Honour, Tracy Sutherland.

This digitised photograph album contains photographs of events attended by the Quatercentenary Queen Valerie Sutherland and Maid of Honour Tracy Sutherland

Custodial history: Deposited by Valerie Webster (nee Sutherland)

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Digitised photograph album of Quatercentenary events, 1989

Appraisal: -

Accruals: None expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until: -

Access conditions: -

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in the archive searchroom and [online](#)

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: -

Publication: -

Notes: -

Date of catalogue: 2023

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P1024	Quatercentenary Celebration Album	1989, 2023
P1024/1	Quatercentenary Celebration Album. Digitised photograph album of Quatercentenary events which were attended by Valerie Sutherland, the Quatercentenary Queen, and her Maid of Honour Tracy Sutherland. Events included the Queen Mother planting a memorial tree at Wick riverside, football matches, exhibitions, concerts and fundraising events (51 digital files)	1989, 2023