

P390 Professional Photography of Wick

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: P390

Alternative reference number:

Title: Professional Photography of Wick

Dates of creation: 1894-c.1971

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 5 files

Format: Photograph

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Johnston Photographers
John Adams
Northern Studios
J. McDonald
Unknown photographers

Administrative history: Johnston Photographers
Three generations of the Johnston family of photographers photographed the people and places of the far north from 1863- 1975.

John Adams
In 1946, the photographer John Adams took over J.G. Humphrey's photographic studio in River Street, Wick.

J. McDonald
Janet McDonald was a photographer, who alongside her husband Ian, ran J. McDonald Photographers in Shore Lane, Wick. As well as portraiture and local press assignments they covered local events like Wick Gala Week. They also covered major news stories for the national papers like Operation Snowdrop and the Longhope lifeboat disaster. The business operated from at least the 1950s well into the 21st century.

Northern Studios
Robert MacDonald is the photographer behind Northern Studios, which undertakes photography, TV and film work

J.W. Smith

J.W. Smith was a travel agency in Wick
c.1920s

Custodial history: Unknown

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Black and white photographs by various professional photographers of people at work and leisure. Most of the photographs have been taken in Wick.

Appraisal:

Accruals:

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 in Archive searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: <https://scotlandonscreen.org.uk/browse-films/007-000-002-173-c>

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P390	Professional Photography of Wick	1894-c.1971
P390/1	Photographs by Johnston Photographers	c.1895-1935
P390/1/1	Black and white photograph of the steamer St. Clair entering Wick Bay. The vessel was driven ashore at the back of the North Quay in January 1895. 32 crew and 5 passengers were rescued by rocket line. She was re-floated in March and taken to Aberdeen for	n.d.

	repair. Image by Johnston Photographers (1 item)	
P390/1/2	Black and white photograph of nine men from Caithness Constabulary. Eight men are in uniform and one in plain clothes. Mounted on card frame by Johnston, Wick and Thurso (1 item)	c.1920
P390/1/3	Black and white photograph of Wick High School football team, 1924. Image by Johnston Photographers (1 item)	1924
P390/1/4	Black and white photograph of Pulteneytown Academy football team. Image by Johnston Photographers (1 item)	c.1928
P390/1/5	Black and white photographs of the gold miner's camp at Kildonan c.1868. Original images taken by Johnston Photographers (6 items)	20 Sep 1935
P390/2	Photographs by John Adams	c.1957
P390/2/1	Black and white photographs of Chief Scout Lord Rowallan's visit to Wick to meet local Scouts. Images are taken in the grounds of Harrow Hill Scout Hall. Local Scout leaders pictured include Arthur Doull, Captain Dunstaffnage, Mrs Abernethy and Lord Thurso. Scouts include Tommy Munro, Robbie Begg, Ian o' Kane, G. Smith, Don Fraser, J. Strachan, Ian Sinclair, ? Flower, Bill Smith, George Doull, Will Ross, George Smith, Alistair Sutherland, Donald Bain, Tommy Sutherland and Billy Buchan. Images taken by John Adams, photographer. Includes John Adams photograph envelope (8 items)	c.1957
P390/3	Photographs by J. McDonald	c.1955-c.1971
P390/3/1	Black and white photograph of the Staff of Sloans. Sloans was part of the Great Universal Stores Group, and was not just a drapers but sold furniture, household goods, white goods and latterly televisions. They had a staff of travelling salesmen who sold goods far and wide. The shop was in High Street, Wick, in the Camps area. Some of the staff pictured include Jessie Henderson, Jenny McKay, Jimmy Flett, Isobel Campbell, Johnny and Ella Bain. Image by J. McDonald Photographer (1 item)	c.1955
P390/3/2	Black and white photograph of Wick Cub Scouts. Those pictured include Ian Maclean, Douglas Miller, Ian Robertson, Neil Doull, Arthur Doull, Ray Sinclair, Alistair Richard, David Sutherland. Image by J. McDonald Photographer (1 item)	c.1968

P390/3/3	<p>Black and white photograph of helpers at a Wick Parish Church Sale of Work in the Assembly Rooms, Wick.</p> <p>Front row from left: Bob McDonald, Peggy McDonald, Peggy Steven, Miss Bremner, Jenny ?, Rev Tom Robertson, Mrs Anne Robertson, Lily Clark, Valerie Gray, Peggy Barrett, Margaret Munro, unknown, Anne Burnett, Bella Gates, unknown, Lillian Milne, John McLean.</p> <p>Middle row from left: Willie McAllan, Kathlyn More, Beenie Gray.</p> <p>Also in the photograph in no particular order: Ishbel Steven, Alison Gray, Jessie Henderson, Jenny Henderson, Willie Tait, Nellie Tait, Nancy Buchanan, Annie Munro, Mrs Lough. Image by J McDonald Photographer (1 item)</p>	c.1971
P390/4	Photographs by Northern Studios	c.1970
P390/4/1	Black and white photographs of the staff of John o' Groats Laundry. Staff pictured include Jessie Henderson, Jenny Sutherland, Betty Farquhar, Etta Geddes and Cath Taylor. Images by Northern Studios Photographers (2 items)	c.1970
P390/5	Photographs by unknown photographers	1894-c.1971
P390/5/1	Black and white photograph of Oliphant Cricket Club (1 item)	1894
P390/5/2	Black and white photograph of the east end of Breadalbane Terrace (1 item)	c.1900
P390/5/3	Black and white photograph of a man and woman transporting peats with a horse and cart. Thought to be in North Sutherland (1 item)	c.1900
P390/5/4	Black and white photograph of Wick taken from the South Braes (1 item)	c.1910
P390/5/5	Black and white photograph of the breach in the South Pier, Wick, during the Great Storm of January 1912 (1 item)	Jan 1912
P390/5/6	Black and white postcard of train pulled in at a station with crowds of people on the platform. The reverse is stamped 'Book with Official Agent, J.W. Smith, Wick' (1 item)	c.1920
P390/5/7	Black and white photograph of John Harper's Ironmongers, 16 Breadalbane Crescent, Wick (1 item)	c.1920

P390/5/8	Black and white photograph of three men hosing out a refuse lorry (1 item)	c.1930
P390/5/9	Black and white photograph of two coopers in yard making barrels (1 item)	c.1930
P390/5/10	Black and white photograph of group of men in the hold of a ship putting salt into barrels (1 item)	c.1930
P390/5/11	Black and white photograph of the 'blackening' of a groom on a cart surrounded by his friends in Market Square (1 item)	c.1930
P390/5/12	Black and white photograph of a parade float in Market Square, Wick (1 item)	c.1930
P390/5/13	Black and white photograph of Wick magistrates seated in a horse drawn carriage (1 item)	c.1930
P390/5/14	Black and white photograph mounted on card of the 4/5 th Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders at Dregghorn Camp. In envelope addressed to J.E. Donaldson Esq. (2 items)	Jun 1937
P390/5/15	Black and white photograph of Herring Queen Alice Taylor and her court (1 item)	1938
P390/5/16	Black and white portrait of group of Wick town officials including the Provost [T.W. Anderson] (1 item)	c.1945
P390/5/17	Black and white photograph of Wick Provost T.W. Anderson (1 item)	1945
P390/5/18	Black and white photographs of various soldiers performing drills on Newton Road and West Banks Avenue, Wick (4 items)	c.1950
P390/5/19	Black and white photograph of freelance journalist John 'Hot News' Donaldson and James Angus, possibly of Caithness-shire Constabulary (1 item)	6 Oct 1953
P390/5/20	Black and white photograph of Wick High School Class 2B (1 item)	c.1953
P390/5/21	Black and white photograph of journalist John 'Hot News' Donaldson and Tommy Bean pictured having drinks in a bar with unknown barman in the background (1 item)	c.1960
P390/5/22	Black and white photograph of bespectacled man on foot, unclothed except for animal print underpants. Onlookers include the journalist John Donaldson and	c.1960

	two ladies in a car (1 item)	
P390/5/23	Black and white photograph of Pulteneytown Academy Football Team. Back row left to right: David Anderson, Hughie Malcolm, George Innes, Raymond Harper, David Shearer, Stuart Watt. Front row left to right: Mackie Macdonald, janitor and coach (seated), James Durrand, Ian Bremner, David Ross, David Geddes, Ronnie Risbridger, George Henderson, Headteacher (seated) (1 item)	1963
P390/5/24	Black and white photograph of the staff of the Leather Factory taken at the Station Hotel Christmas Function in 1971. Those pictured include Doris Gunn, May Anderson, John Heaton, Mary Bremner, Christie Marr, Anne Hendry, Flo Henderson, Jannette McDonald, Mary McPhee, Maria Wydmuch, Catherine Hunter, David Robertson, Vira Harrold, Katherine Murray, Jacqueline Robertson, Patty Simpson, Christina Tulloch, Rhonna Ewing, Albert and Mrs Wraith, Edith Sutherland (1 item)	c.1971