

P1051 Caithness Postcards

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P1051

Alternative reference number: -

Title: Caithness Postcards

Dates of creation: c. 1922-1945, 2024, n.d.

Level of description: Fond

Extent: 28 postcards, 1 piece of paper

Format: Photographs, paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: J.B. White Ltd., Tuck's Post Cards, and Valentine's

Administrative history: Collection of blank unaddressed postcards featuring black and white photographs of Caithness, with a particular focus on Latheronwheel, Dunbeath and Wick.

Postcards produced by either Tuck's Post Cards, J.B. White Ltd., Valentine's or have no discernible publisher.

J.B. White Ltd. began publishing their 'real photograph' postcards in 1922, with the photographs being taken by James White's son, Thomas, and the primary subject matter being Scotland. Thomas would develop and print his own photographs with retouches being completed by in-house postcard artist, James Hutton. Once the photographs were retouched they were sent to Rotary Photographic Co Ltd. in London, where they were re-photographed and made into postcard size negatives that were printed 16 at a time.

Raphael Tuck and Sons created their first set of Tuck Post Cards in 1899. It was a set of 12 consecutively numbered chromographic views of London. As a general rule they sold their cards in sets of six. By the end of 1903 Tuck had in production over 10,000 different cards and by 1904 it was 15,000.

The Tuck's Post cards containing images of Caithness were produced roughly between 1935 to 1945, however, this is only an estimated time period as Tuck Post Cards are notorious for having no dates and no discernible clear

numbering patterns.

(<https://www.tuckdbpostcards.org/places/scotland-caithness>)

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.

Valentine's postcard 96511 was registered in 1925.

Donated by David Boyd along with a copy of his family tree demonstrating the family's connection with Caithness going back five generations.

Custodial history: Deposited by David Boyd

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: 28 postcards and a copy of the family tree of Jessie (Janet, Jen) Ann Waters

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: P326 - Nine postcard photographs of Caithness
P635 - Photocopies of Postcards of Wick
P1034 - Postcards from Robert J. McMillan
P1041 - The Dalclaggie Postcard Collection

Publication: -

Notes: -

Date of catalogue: Jun 2024

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P1051	Caithness Postcards	c. 1922-1945, 2024, n.d.
P1051/1	J.B. White Ltd. published postcards	c. 1922
P1051/1/1	Black and white photograph postcard of houses across a field, titled "Latheronwheel Village", back of card labelled 'This is a 'Real Photograph"' (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/2	Black and white photograph postcard of harbour with castle on cliff above, titled "Harbour and Castle, Latheronwheel LL 14", with small "Copyright Lilywhite, Sowerby Bridge" in bottom left corner, back of card labelled 'Guarantee 'Real Photograph' and British Manufacture' (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/3	Black and white photograph postcard of houses with a visible road and telegraph pole, titled "Latheron from the West", back of card labelled 'This is a 'Real Photograph"' (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/4	Black and white photograph postcard of war memorial statue, titled "War Memorial, Latheron", back of card labelled 'This is a 'Real Photograph"' (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/5	Black and white photograph postcard of stone bridge over a burn, titled "A general wade bridge, Lybster", with small "Copyright J. Adams" in bottom right corner, back of card labelled 'This is a 'Real Photograph"' (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/6	Black and white photograph postcard of ruined castle structure, titled "Old Man of Wick", with small "Copyright : J. Adams" in bottom right corner, back of card labelled 'This is a 'Real Photograph"' (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/7	Black and white landscape photograph postcard of a road and fields, with mountains in the background, titled "Ben Morven. Caithness 1", with small "Copyright : J. Adams" in bottom right corner, back of card labelled 'This is a 'Real Photograph"' (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/8	Black and white landscape photograph postcard with fields overlooking cliff coastline, titled "Caithness Coast, North of Dunbeath", with small "Copyright - J.	c. 1922

	Adams” in bottom right corner, back of card labelled ‘This is a ‘Real Photograph” (1 item)	
P1051/1/9	Black and white landscape photograph postcard with fields and a row of houses in background, titled “A glimpse of Latheronwheel Village, Caithness”, with 799 printed in bottom right corner on one copy and A9577 printed in bottom left corner on the other, back of card labelled ‘Published by J.B. White Ltd. Dundee. Real Photograph (Copyright)’ (2 items)	c. 1922
P1051/1/10	Black and white landscape photograph postcard with a field of sheep in the foreground, two large white buildings and cliff coastline in background, titled “A glimpse of the rugged Caithness Coast near Dunbeath”, with A9251 printed in bottom left corner, back of card labelled ‘Published by J.B. White Ltd. Dundee. Real Photograph (Copyright)’ (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/11	Black and white photograph postcard of three storey hotel, titled “Latheronwheel Hotel, Caithness”, with A9580 printed in bottom left corner, back of card labelled ‘Published by J.B. White Ltd. Dundee. Real Photograph (Copyright)’ (2 items)	c. 1922
P1051/1/12	Black and white photograph postcard of harbour, titled “The Harbour, Latheronwheel, Caithness”, with A9581 printed in bottom left corner, back of card labelled ‘Published by J.B. White Ltd. Dundee. Real Photograph (Copyright)’ (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/1/13	Black and white photograph postcard of harbour, titled “Latheronwheel Harbour, Caithness”, with A9582 printed in bottom right corner, back of card labelled ‘Published by J.B. White Ltd. Dundee. Real Photograph (Copyright)’ (1 item)	c. 1922
P1051/2	Tuck’s Post Cards published by Raphael Tuck and Sons’	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/1	Black and white photograph postcard of houses in the background and river with stone bridge in foreground, titled “Dunbeath and Bridge”, with Dnbh. 3. printed in bottom left corner, and ‘Raphael Tuck & Sons. Ltd. London’ printed in bottom right (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/2	Black and white photograph postcard of large house with turrets and glass house to the side, titled “Latheronwheel House”, with Ll. 6. printed in bottom left corner, and ‘Raphael Tuck & Sons. Ltd. London’ printed in bottom right (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/3	Black and white photograph postcard of large house with roman columns at entrance and small glass	c. 1935-1945

	house to the side, titled "Forse House, Latheronwheel", with LI. 8. printed in bottom right corner, and 'Raphael Tuck & Sons. Ltd. London' printed on back (1 item)	
P1051/2/4	Black and white photograph postcard of houses in the background and cliff leading down to a burn, titled "View from castle, Latheronwheel", with LI. 13. printed in bottom left corner, and 'Raphael Tuck & Sons. Ltd. London' printed in bottom right (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/5	Black and white photograph postcard of harbour and coastal cliffs, titled "The Rocks, Latheronwheel", with LI. 16. printed in bottom left corner, and 'Raphael Tuck & Sons. Ltd. London' printed in bottom right (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/6	Black and white photograph postcard of houses with hotel and telegraph poles to the left, titled "The Village, Latheronwheel", with LI. 17. printed in bottom left corner, and 'Raphael Tuck & Sons. Ltd. London' printed in bottom right (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/7	Black and white photograph postcard of trees and fields, titled "General View, Latheronwheel", with LI. 19. printed in bottom left corner, and 'Raphael Tuck & Sons. Ltd. London' printed in bottom right (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/8	Black and white photograph postcard of harbour taken from between two cliffs, titled "Glimpse of the harbour, Latheronwheel", with LI. 22. printed in bottom left corner, and 'Raphael Tuck & Sons. Ltd. London' printed in bottom right (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/9	Printed postcard sketch depicting coastal cliff with lighthouse atop, titled 'Duncansby Head, near Wick', with 'Copyright WK49' printed in bottom left corner. Back of card labelled 'Raphael Tuck & Sons "Photogravure" Postcard" (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/2/10	Printed postcard sketch depicting coastal cliffs with castle ruins atop, titled 'Sinclair & Girnigoe Castles, Wick', with 'Copyright WK50' printed in bottom left corner. Back of card labelled 'Raphael Tuck & Sons "Photogravure" Postcard" (1 item)	c. 1935-1945
P1051/3	Other published postcards	1925, n.d.
P1051/3/1	Black and white photograph postcard of river with bridge and houses visible in background, titled "By the river, Wick", with 96511 printed in bottom left corner, and 'Valentine's Post Card' printed on back (1 item)	1925

P1051/3/2	Black and white photograph postcard of main street with horse and carriage and houses with hotel, titled "Village, Latheronwheel 44", with 'Humphrey Wick' printed in bottom left corner (1 item)	n.d.
P1051/3/3	Black and white photograph postcard of winding burn with countryside, titled "Strath, Latheronwheel 23", with 'Humphrey Wick' printed in bottom left corner (1 item)	n.d.
P1051/4	Corresponding paperwork	8 Mar 2024
P1051/4/1	Copy of Family Tree for Jessie (Janet, Jen) Ann Waters (1 item)	8 Mar 2024