

## **P1052 Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick Memorial Garden**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1741/P1052

Alternative reference number:

Title: Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick Memorial Garden

Dates of creation: c.1940-2010

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes, 1 oversized file

Format: Paper, photograph

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick, Pentarq, J. McDonald Photographers, Johnston Photographers, various newspapers and publications.

Administrative history: The Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick group was founded in January 2004 by surviving relatives of the victims of the Bank Row bombing in July 1941, and the Hill Avenue bombing in October that year. The group's aim was to create a Memorial Garden on the derelict Bank Row site that would benefit the community during both the development of the project and once the garden was established.

In October 2004 the group was awarded a 100% grant from the Scottish Land Fund and UIE Community Land Fund to purchase the original bombsite on Bank Row.

Thurso based Pentarq were chosen as the project's architects. ILM were the principal contractors on the project. Sue Jane Taylor was Arts Project Worker, based in Wick Youth Club.

A nine-month community consultation took place between July 2004 and March 2005. Wonderful artworks and stories were created and collected in the visual and oral recordings of people's war time and contemporary memories.

The garden was officially opened by Anne Dunnett, Lord-Lieutenant of Caithness, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2010. The Bank Row and Hill

Avenue bomb victims' names are inscribed on stones within the dry-stone walls surrounding the garden.

Custodial history: Deposited by the Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick group.

## **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description: Records of the Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick group and the project to create a memorial garden in memory of the Bank Row and Hill Avenue bomb victims. Includes administrative records, correspondence, community consultation and grant funding records, photographs and press cuttings.

Appraisal:

Accruals: None expected

## **RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE**

Access: Some restrictions due to Data Protection Legislation

Closed until: 100 year closure period for some records

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:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: Jul 2024

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>P1052</b>	<b>Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick Memorial Garden</b>	<b>c.1940-2010</b>
<b>P1052/1</b>	<b>Administrative records</b>	<b>1995-2006</b>
P1052/1/1	Copy Disposition by James Anderson in favour of William Mackay Thomson: Subjects in Bank Row, Wick (3 items)	1995
P1052/1/2	Document setting out the background to the Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick group being formed, the group's aims, and project vision (6 items)	c.2004
P1052/1/3	Copy of Highland Council Planning Application for Memorial Garden (1 file)	Sep 2004
P1052/1/4	Meeting agendas, minutes, and accounts (1 bundle)	2004-2006
P1052/1/5	Minutes of meetings (1 file)	2004-2006
P1052/1/6	Correspondence and information regarding the structure of Second World War Air Raid Victims- Wick, a company limited by guarantee (1 bundle) [some restrictions due to Data Protection legislation]	2005-2006
<b>P1052/2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>2004-2006</b>
P1052/2/1	Correspondence regarding the sale of land at Bank Row (2 items)	10 Feb 2004
P1052/2/2	Correspondence regarding the development of the memorial garden (1 bundle) [some restrictions due to Data Protection legislation]	2004-2006
P1052/2/3	Correspondence from Pentarq, project architects. Includes surveys and planning consents (1 bundle)	2004-2006
P1052/2/4	Correspondence from Clark Thomson Insurance Brokers Ltd. regarding insurance cover (1 bundle)	30 Jun 2005
P1052/2/5	Correspondence regarding fundraising (1 bundle)	2005-2006
P1052/2/6	Printed email correspondence regarding a BBC programme on the Bank Row bombing (5 items) [CLOSED for 100 years]	Jan 2006-Feb 2006
P1052/2/7	Letter granting permission to erect a marker stone (1 item)	22 Mar 2006
P1052/2/8	Correspondence regarding non-domestic rates relief for the factory at 33 Lower Dunbar Street, and stores at 8 Bank Row, Wick (8 items)	Apr 2006- Mar 2007

P1052/2/9	Correspondence from Ian Giles, project engineer (1 bundle)	2006
<b>P1052/3</b>	<b>Community Consultation</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>
P1052/3/1	Community Consultation timetable and publicity (1 bundle)	Jul 2004-Mar 2005
P1052/3/2	Completed Community Memorial Garden Consultation Questionnaires (2 files)	2004
P1052/3/3	Children's artwork presenting their ideas for the Community Memorial Garden (1 file)	2004
P1052/3/4	Performance monitoring timetable for the Memorial Garden Community Consultation (1 item)	2005
P1052/3/5	Laminated A4 sheets of images and text from a community consultation (4 items)	c.2005
P1052/3/6	Final Report of the Rural Voices Community Consultation "Reminiscing: Childhood Memories" Wick (1 volume)	14 Mar 2005
P1052/3/7	Information on Community Public Art Projects in Pulteneytown, including the Past, Present, Future project (1 bundle)	c.2005
<b>P1052/4</b>	<b>Grant Funding</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>
P1052/4/1	Invoices, Reports, and Correspondence for submission to Caithness and Sutherland Enterprise (1 bundle)	2004-2005
P1052/4/2	Grant Funding applications and associated correspondence (1 file)	2005
P1052/4/3	Claim for Grant Payment from HIE and/or The Scottish Land Fund (blank) (1 item)	c.2005
<b>P1052/5</b>	<b>Memorial Garden Brief, Plans, and Quotations</b>	<b>2005-2008</b>
P1052/5/1	Community Memorial Garden, Bank Row, Official Brief for Architect (1 bundle)	2005
P1052/5/2	Location plans, sketches, and maps of the memorial garden site and surrounding area (1 bundle)	c.2005
P1052/5/3	CAD drawing of memorial garden design (2 items)	c.2005
P1052/5/4	Community Memorial Garden Artworks Budget, Draft 1 (1 item)	c.2005

P1052/5/5	Plans and elevations for the Memorial Garden, Bank Row, by Pentarq, Chartered Architects and Surveyors, Thurso (4 items)	Jan 2006
P1052/5/6	Proposed works for the installation of a memorial garden at Bank Row by ILM (2 items)	30 Jan 2006
P1052/5/7	Quotes for drystone walling work in the garden (1 bundle)	2008
<b>P1052/6</b>	<b>Photographs</b>	<b>c.2004-c.2010</b>
P1052/6/1	Photographs of a visit to the site of the Bank Row bombing by members of the 'Rural Voices from the Scottish Executive', filmed by Teena Bell, Janine Scollay and Amanda Miller of Wick Youth Club (pictured) (2 items)	c.2004
P1052/6/2	Professional portrait photographs of the relatives of the Bank Row bomb victims (6 items)	c.2005
P1052/6/3	Contact sheets of photographs of the relatives of the victims of the Bank Row bombing at the derelict site (2 items)	c.2005
P1052/6/4	Contact sheets of photographs of various community consultation events and fundraisers (6 items)	c.2005
P1052/6/5	Photographs and copies of photographs of bomb damage in Bank Row and Hill Avenue in 1940 (1 bundle)	c.2005
P1052/6/6	Reproduction of a photograph of the junction of Bank Row, Rose Street, and Williamson Street, Wick, c.1940 (1 item)	c.2005
P1052/6/7	Print of a photograph of the gates at the entrance to the Memorial Garden (1 item)	c.2010
<b>P1052/7</b>	<b>Newspaper articles and promotional and display material</b>	<b>c.1940-2010</b>
P1052/7/1	John o' Groat Journal article featuring an interview with Elsie Cormack née Miller, who lost two sisters in the bombing, and four black and white photographs [of Elsie Cormack's family] (5 items)	c.1940-19 Nov 2004
P1052/7/2	Bundle of press cuttings and images of people and events connected to the Memorial Garden project (1 bundle)	2004-2005
P1052/7/3	Promotional material, newspaper article, programme, and running order from a fundraising concert held in	8 Oct 2005

	Wick Assembly Rooms, starring Michelle McManus (1 bundle)	
P1052/7/4	Copy of newspaper article on the bombing of Bank Row, dated 5 <sup>th</sup> July 1940 (4 items)	c.2005
P1052/7/5	Newspaper articles on the Memorial Garden project (7 items)	c.2005-2007
P1052/7/6	Photocopy of an article in the John o' Groat Journal about 1285 (Caithness) Squadron ATC donating sponsorship money to the memorial garden (1 item)	27 Jan 2006
P1052/7/7	Photocopy of an article on 'Wick Community Memorial Garden' [that appeared in a Rural Voices publication] (1 item)	c.2006
P1052/7/8	Caithness Courier and Scotsman articles on the opening of the Memorial Garden (3 items)	17 Aug 2010-1 Sep 2010
P1052/7/9	A3 display material. Includes photographs, plans, and background to the project (9 items)	c.2010