

**P1064 The Donald Mackay British Antarctic Survey Photograph Collection
RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1741/P1064

Alternative reference number:

Title: The Donald Mackay British Antarctic Survey Photograph Collection

Dates of creation: 1972-c.1985

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 3 boxes

Format: 35mm slides, DVD

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Donald Campbell Mackay

Administrative history: Donald Campbell Mackay was born in 1945 in Wick and spent the early part of his life in Dunnet Avenue with siblings Norma, Brian, Edwin and Colleen.

He was educated at Wick North and Wick High Schools and went on to serve a joinery apprenticeship with Sutherland's Plumbers/Builders.

In the early 1970's Donald joined the British Antarctic Survey team in the South Atlantic building and maintaining their research stations in the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the Antarctic Continent.

Donald was a keen photographer and armed with his 35 mm camera took many snaps of life in this extreme environment during his stays there in 1972, 1973 and 1975.

Donald's photographic collection complements the DVD showing the British Antarctic's 50th Anniversary at their Research Stations near the South Pole.

Donald used his slides to give presentations covering his life in the Antarctic to local schools and community groups.

He passed away in 2024.

Custodial history: Deposited by Donald Mackay's sister in October 2024

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Photographs taken by Donald Mackay during his time working at the British Antarctic Survey's Research Stations; film celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Halley Base, Antarctica; and other photographs taken by Donald Mackay.

Appraisal:

Accruals: Not expected

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until:

Access conditions: Available within the archive searchroom

Copying: Restrictions apply.

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

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: For an account of Mairi Nicolson from Wick's time at the British Antarctic Survey's Rothera Research Station (2002-2003) see Caithness.org

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: October 2024

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P1064	The Donald Mackay British Antarctic Survey Photograph Collection	1972-2006
P1064/1	The British Antarctic Survey	1972-2006
P1064/1/1	Photographs taken by Donald Mackay during his time working at the British Antarctic Survey's Research Stations. Includes photographs of South Georgia, Stanley, Signy, Bransfield, Halley, Rothera, wildlife, and people (3 boxes)	1972-1975
P1064/1/2	Film celebrating the 50 th anniversary of the Halley Base, Caird Coast, Antarctica. Format- DVD (1 item)	2006

P1064/2	Other	c.1985
P1064/2/1	Box labelled 'Wick' containing slides of the building of Caithness General Hospital (1 box)	c.1985
P1064/2/2	Box labelled 'Disney' containing slides of a trip to Disneyland (1 box)	c.1985