

**P1019 – Papers collected by the Douglas family, Bower
RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1741/P1019
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Title: Papers collected by the Douglas family, Bower
Dates of creation: 1906-2024, n.d.
Level of description: Fonds
Extent: 5 boxes, 5 volumes and 3 OS maps
Format: Paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Wick Academy Football Club, Hamilton's Auction Marts, Aberdeen and Northern Marts, Caithness Agricultural Society, Halkirk Highland Games, Wick MADD Society, Wick Players and Thurso Players.

Administrative history:

Wick Academy Football Club

Wick Academy Football Club was founded in October 1893, taking its name from the cricket club which had been in existence for about 20 years.

The teams home ground is the Harmsworth Park in Wick and the supporters are known as "Scorries" (hence the publication *Scorrie Scene*).

Hamilton's Auction Marts

Hamilton's Auction Marts were situated in Ormlie Road, Thurso, and opened for business on 28 March 1923. They also had premises in Lybster and Forsinard. It continued business as a livestock auctioneering company until c.1995 when it became Hamilton's & UA Partnership Ltd.

Aberdeen and Northern Marts

Aberdeen and Northern Marts, Caithness Livestock Centre is located on Quoybrae Farm (2024) and has been since 1992.

The centre, which has a reputation for showing high quality livestock, offers a complete livestock marketing service for Caithness farmers, with a series of seasonal sales for

Store and Breeding Stock. During September the sale of North Country Cheviot lambs attracts an entry of around 6,000 heads.

Caithness Agricultural Society

Caithness Agricultural Society was established in 1830 "To promote for the benefit of the public agriculture and rural industries in Caithness and in furtherance thereof". The annual summer show has been a feature of Caithness life since this time. The show usually takes place on the 3rd Saturday in July and alternates venues between the Riverside and Westerseat grounds in Wick and Thurso East in Thurso.

Halkirk Highland Games

The John O'Groat Journal, dated 22 September 1886, reported that the first Games started by the Halkirk Athletic Club was held in a field adjoining the new Gerston Distillery on Saturday 16th September. The Committee was 10 strong and the President and Secretary were Messrs H J MacKay and William Paterson respectively. 16 events were staged as follows; 21lb ball, 16lb hammer, running high leap, vaulting with pole, standing jump, running long jump, hop step & leap, 100 yards, quarter mile, one mile open and confined to Parish, 3 legged race, obstacle race, sack race, highland fling, tug o' war (married versus single).

The next Games were held in a field near the Hoy railway station and they continued to be staged there until the outbreak of the First World War. The day was changed to a Monday so that it coincided with the Thurso shopkeepers' holiday and the "townies" travelled to the Games by train.

The Games moved to its current location in 1921 and is still staged there as of 2024.

Wick MADD Society

The Wick MADD (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) Society was formed in January 1997, with its aim being to promote the arts amongst young people within the community. Throughout its years they put on various productions and performed at local events and festivals.

Wick Players

Wick Players was formed in 1932, following a meeting called by new County Librarian Kennedy Stewart. The first show was

performed in December of that year in the Breadalbane Hall.

The players joined the SCDA (Scottish Community Drama Association) in order to compete with other amateur dramatics groups around Scotland.

Wick Players celebrated their 90th anniversary in 2023.

Thurso Players

Thurso Players was formed in 1950 following the demise of the Thurso Dramatic Society, Thurso Dramatic Club and earlier Caithness drama groups that can be traced back to the 1890s.

Despite the logistical problems of finding rehearsal and performance spaces the Players thrived, and in 1959 founder member Robin Sinclair offered a building in the old mill complex to the club – if they could make it safe and watertight.

Custodial history:

Deposited by Derek Douglas

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description:

Collection of material ranging from festival, event and art programmes to local newsletters and livestock sale catalogues all related to Caithness.

Appraisal:

None

Accruals:

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:

P1053 - The Angus Mackay Caithness Football Collection
P1049 - The Dom Mulraine Collection

P1042 - Wick Academy Football Club
P1023 - The Derek Bremner Wick Academy
Football Club Collection
P977 - Northlands Music Festival
P953 - Highland News and Media Ltd.
Collection
P931 - Sinclair Mackay 'Mr Football' Collection
P921 - Wick Players
P751 - Literary and Agricultural Societies
P693 - Hamilton's Auction Marts, Thurso,
Lybster and Forsinard
P52 - Caithness Industrial Exhibition

Publication: -

Notes: -

Date of catalogue: Aug 2024

Ref.	Description	Dates
P1019	Caithness Events, Clubs, People and Businesses	1906-2023, n.d.
P1019/1	Football related material	1995-2019
P1019/1/1	Various individual programmes for games involving Wick Academy including Season 1995-96 and 1996-1997, Saturday 21 st November 2015 vs Nairn County F.C., Saturday 11 th April 2015 vs Cove Rangers F.C., Tuesday 14 th May 2019 vs Aberdeen FC (5 items)	1995-2019
P1019/1/2	Scottish Highland Football League, Wick Academy F.C. Official Programmes including Foster's Highland League Cup Preliminary Round 2009/10, Active Nation Scottish Cup 3 rd Round 2009/10, The William Hill Scottish Cup 1 st Round 2011/12, The William Hill Scottish Cup 2 nd Round 2011/12, Friendly Shane Sutherland Transfer 2012/13, SFL Ramsdens Challenge Cup 1 st Round 2012/13, North of Scotland Cup Sponsored by AJG Parcels 2012/13, North of Scotland Cup Semi-Final 2014/15, Highland League Cup Semi-Final 2014/15 (2 bundles)	2009-2015
P1019/1/3	Press and Journal Highland Football League programmes for matches between Brora Rangers and Wick Academy (6 items)	2012-2015
P1019/1/4	Scorie Scene: Black and White and Read All Over, Wick Academy F.C. Official Programme including Season 2015/16 – No. 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, Season 2016/17 – No. 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, Season 2017/18 – No. 1 and 2 (3 bundles)	2015-2018

P1019/1/5	Team sheets for games played at Harmsworth Park (9 items)	2017-2018
P1019/1/6	The Hamsworth Roar, Wick Academy Fanzine (5 items)	n.d.
P1019/2	Agriculture related material	1907-2023
P1019/2/1	List of Important Displenishing Farm Stock and Other Sales to be conducted in Caithness by Alexander Sinclair (10 items)	1907, 1911-1917, 1919, 1920, 1921
P1019/2/2	Caithness Live Stock Sales, auctioneer Sinclair, Mart Office, Wick (9 items)	1911, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1920, 1921, 1949
P1019/2/3	National Famers' Union of Scotland Official Handbook, Caithness Area 1959-60 (1 item)	1959-1960
P1019/2/4	Caithness Agricultural Society livestock competition and sports programmes (2 bundles)	1964, 1979-1982, 1987, 1990-1991, 1993-1997, 1999-2000, 2003-2004, 2006-2007, 2010-2011, 2013-2019
P1019/2/5	The Wick and District Round Table Donkey Derby Day programme (1 item)	12 Jul 1969
P1019/2/6	Hamilton's Auction Marts Ltd, Thurso Auction Mart sale catalogues (1 bundle)	1979-1992, 1995-1997, 1999-2000, 2003-2005
P1019/2/7	Latheron Parish Ploughing Association Annual Ploughing Match programmes (3 items)	1988, 1990
P1019/2/8	The International Sheep Dog Society 1992 Scottish National Sheep Dog Trials programme, held at Scrabster Farm, Thurso (2 items)	20-22 Aug, 1992
P1019/2/9	Aberdeen and Northern Marts, Caithness Livestock Centre sale catalogues [includes handwritten notes] (1 box)	1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005-2020, 2023, n.d.

P1019/2/10	Caithness Premier Cheviot Breeders and North Country Cheviot Sheep Society annual show and sale programmes and catalogues (7 items)	1995-1997, 1999-2000, 2005
P1019/2/11	Thrumster Game Fair programme of events (5 items)	1995-1997
P1019/2/12	Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society, Castle of Mey Aberdeen-Angus Open Day programme (1 item)	8 Aug 1997
P1019/2/13	Canisbay Show programmes (5 items)	2009, 2011, 2013, 2017
P1019/2/14	The 51 st Scottish Ploughing Championships programme, held at Stanstill Farm, Bower (1 item)	26-27 Oct 2013
P1019/2/15	Latheron Agricultural Society Show catalogues and sports programmes (3 items)	2014-2016
P1019/3	Caithness related newsletters, events, sports and games materials	1933-2014
P1019/3/1	John O'Groats Lodge of Freemasons invitations and order of service at the Masonic Hall, Castletown including installation of Bro. John Alexander as Right Worshipful Master, Consecration of the Masonic Lodge Room, Celebration of Silver Jubilee and service of music for The Master Mason Degree (4 items)	1933, 1949, 1950, 1967
P1019/3/2	Provincial Grand Lodge of Caithness, Masonic Hall, Thurso, orders of service and invitations includes installation of Bro. John Allan as Provincial Grand Master of Caithness and installation of Bro. Dr. George H. Sinclair as Provincial Grand Master of Caithness (6 items)	20 Jun 1952, 11 Oct 1957
P1019/3/3	Invitation to the Great Priory Deputation Dinner, The Preceptory of Saint Fergus at the Nethercliffe Hotel, Wick (1 item)	17 Sep 1957
P1019/3/4	Halkirk Highland Games programmes (7 items)	2004, 2008-2011, 2014
P1019/3/5	The Caithness Scottish Open Rifle Meeting programme (1 item)	1-7 Jul 2006
P1019/3/6	National Small-bore Rifle Meeting programme (1 item)	1-7 Jul 2006
P1019/3/7	Wick Gala Week programme (2 items)	2008, 2023
P1019/3/8	Halkirk Gala Week programme including list of past Gala Queens and Attendants from 1951 to 2008 (1 item)	Jun 2009

P1019/3/9	Caithness Advertiser Issue No.2 (1 item)	May 2010
P1019/3/10	Caithness Life Issue No. 8 (1 item)	Aug 2011
P1019/3/11	Watten, Bower and Halkirk-Westerdale Church newsletter (1 item)	Jun 2014
P1019/3/12	'This is Caithness' Issue No.2 newspaper (1 item) [includes article on page 10 titled 'National nuclear archive to be built at Wick']	2014
P1019/3/13	Bower Hall Committee Souvenir Programme for 'Generation Game' (1 item)	n.d.
P1019/3/14	Photograph of Watten Draughts Club, Harmsworth Bowl Championship, 1905 (1 item) [includes: James Mackay, Sergt. -Instr. Harper, Hugh Munro, Donald Forbes, Rob Macadam Jr., Peter Couper, George MacKinnon, Alex Adamson, J.D. Gunn]	1905
P1019/3/15	Coronation Pageant Caithness programme (1 item)	1953
P1019/3/16	Wick High School Magazine (1 item)	Jun 1938
P1019/3/17	Wick High School Magazine (1 item)	1972
P1019/3/18	Wick High School Magazine (1 item)	1977-1978
P1019/3/19	Wick Golf Club Constitution and Rules (1 item)	c.1975
P1019/3/20	Wick Golf Club Membership Card and Fixture List (1 item)	1979
P1019/4	Music, dance, drama and art material	1981-2022, n.d.
P1019/4/1	Three copies of Thurso High School Own 'Ritings [THOR] publications and two undated Thurso High School production programmes for 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' and 'Guys and Dolls' (5 items)	1981, 1983, 1986, n.d.
P1019/4/2	Wick Players programmes including the following productions: 'Caithness Comedies: One Act Dialect Plays,' 'Cash on Delivery,' 'Dick Whittington & His Cat,' 'Beauty and the Beast,' 'Allo 'Allo,' 'Mother Goose,' 'Three One Act Plays,' 'Aladdin,' 'A Gala Performance,' 'Family Fever,' 'Pinocchio,' 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' 'Two One-Act Caithness Comedies,' 'Womberang,' 'Out of Order,' 'The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940,' 'Sinbad the Sailor' and 'The Snow Queen' (1 bundle)	1982, 1999, 2001, 2003-2007, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2022-2023, n.d.
P1019/4/3	Thurso Players programmes including the following productions: 'A wee home from home,' 'The	1988, 1990, 1995-1997,

	Gondoliers,' 'Burke & Hare: The Musical,' 'Hotel Paradiso,' 'The Tempest,' 'Oliver,' 'Allo 'Allo,' 'A Life in the Theatre,' 'The Sleeping Beauty,' 'The Rivals,' 'Improbable Fiction,' 'Aladdin,' 'Out of Sight... Out of Murder,' 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies,' 'Cinderella,' 'Beauty and the Beast,' 'The Birthday Party,' 'Rapunzel and the Rascal Prince,' 'The Wizard of Oz,' 'Robin Hood and the babes in the wood,' 'An Inspector Calls,' 'The King and I,' 'The Witches by Roald Dahl,' 'Space Life,' 'Liz Lochhead's: Dracula,' 'Passing Places,' 'Moby Dick: The Musical,' 'The Drunkard or Down with Demon Drink!', 'Little Shop of Horrors' and 'William Archibald's: The Innocents' (1 bundle)	1999-2000, 2002, 2004-2006, 2010, 2013-2017, n.d.
P1019/4/4	Massed Pipe Band Parade programmes (4 items)	1989, 2000, 2005, 2014
P1019/4/5	Society of Caithness Artists Exhibition programmes (1 bundle)	1991-1998, 2000, 2002-2007, 2009, 2011, 2023-2024
P1019/4/6	Northlands Music Festival programmes (1 bundle)	1994-2000
P1019/4/7	Wick MADD (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) Society programmes for their productions of 'Winter Wonderland,' 'Springsong,' 'Jesus Christ Superstar: A Rock Musical,' 'A Broadway Bonanza,' 'The Show,' 'MADD Hits Broadway,' 'Aladdin,' 'Razzle Dazzle,' and 'Back to the 80's' (1 bundle)	1997, n.d.
P1019/4/8	Grey Coast Theatre Company, 'Camster' a new play by George Gunn programme (1 item)	1998
P1019/4/9	Caithness Community Projects present Assipattle programme, audience questionnaire and invitation addressed to David Douglas (3 items)	Sep 2003
P1019/4/10	Bower School Christmas school show programmes and an undated copy of school newsletter the 'Bower Times' (4 items)	2006-2007, n.d.
P1019/4/11	Wick High School programmes for 'Grease' and 'We Will Rock You' (2 items)	20-22 Jun 2007, n.d.
P1019/4/12	Theatre Modo in association with Lyth Arts Centre presents 2009: A Sinclair Odyssey Street Parade advertising flyer (1 item)	11 Sep 2009
P1019/4/13	Caithness Post Music Festival Concert list of performers (4 items)	Jun, 2011-2014

P1019/4/14	Lybster Primary School's Spring Pantomime 'Cinderella' programme (1 item)	4-6 May 2016
P1019/4/15	Local Charity Event, 'The X Factor' held at the Assembly Rooms, Wick programme (1 item)	8 Apr 2017
P1019/4/16	Friday night at the Wick Palladium programme (1 item)	9 May n.d.
P1019/4/17	Wick-ED Youth Drama Club presents 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' programme (1 item)	14-15 Dec n.d.
P1019/4/18	Caithness Children's Drama presents 'A Scottish Variety Show' written and produced by Beverley Sarstedt, programme (1 item)	n.d.
P1019/5	Maps, Organisations and Caithness based projects	1906-2013
P1019/5/1	Ordnance Survey map, Caithness Sheet XII. 8. Second Edition, covers Bowermadden area (1 item)	1906
P1019/5/2	Ordnance Survey map, Caithness Sheet XII. 12. Second Edition, covers Bower area (1 item)	1906
P1019/5/3	Bower Youth Club Management Committee meeting minute book (1 volume)	1973-1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1983-1986
P1019/5/4	Lyth Wind Farm, includes Pre-Application Consultation Report, Planning Statement, and Environmental Statement in three volumes (5 volumes)	May 2013
P1019/5/5	Photograph of Westside, Bowermadden, Bower (1 item)	n.d.
P1019/5/6	Ordnance Survey map, Caithness Sheet V.6. Second Edition, covers Scrabster area (1 item)	1906
P1019/6	Orders of Service	1992-2024
P1019/6/1	Orders of Service funeral programmes (1 bundle) [includes a list containing names in chronological order]	1992-2024
P1019/7	Personal Papers	1916-1946
P1019/7/1	United Free Church of Scotland Diploma of Honour awarded to Mr George Manson, Bowertower, Bower, for long and valuable service in Sabbath School Work (1 item)	13 Jan 1916

P1019/7/2	Watten Sunday School certificates awarded to Christina Cooper (3 items)	1919-1921
P1019/7/3	Receipt for a Singer Sewing Machine bought by Sinclair McDonald, Bilbster Mains (1 item)	12 Jun 1928
P1019/7/4	Receipts for the Bower Stipend, paid by Messrs Chalmers of Aucorn to the Rev. Dugald MacEachern, parish minister of Bower and Scheme of Locality of the Stipend of Bower parish (3 items)	1930-1941
P1019/7/5	Certificate of Residence in a Protected Area certifying the address of Harriet Sutherland, 7 Whitehouse Lane, Wick (1 item)	11 Mar 1940
P1019/7/6	Receipt showing payment received by Henderson Memorial Nursing Home, Wick, from Mrs Sutherland, Whitehouse Lane, for treatment in the Home (1 item)	Mar 1946