

## **P826: Christmas Greeting Card, MacEchern Marionettes**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number:	GB1741/P826
Alternative reference number:	
Title:	Christmas Greeting Card, MacEchern Marionettes
Dates of creation:	c.1920
Level of description:	Fonds
Extent:	1 item
Format:	Paper

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: MacEchern Marionettes, Dugald and Minnie MacEchern

Administrative history: Dugald MacEchern was born in Edinburgh on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1867 and after attending early schooling in Canada, Edinburgh and Glasgow (where his father held ministerial charges) he attended Raining's School in Inverness. Upon graduating he went on to study Arts and Divinity at the University of Edinburgh and in 1898 was ordained and charged with the Parish of Coll, in Mull. Here he would stay until 1908, when he would succeed his brother John, as minister of Bower and serve 38 years until his death on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1946 at The Manse of Bower.

Dugald had a passion for sport and was Captain of his school rugby and University soccer team. He is attributed as one of the founders of the University Swimming Club and was Captain of the first team to win the North of Scotland Junior Football Cup.

He was a member of the Gaelic Society of Inverness and in 1904 was elected Bard to the Society, which he held until 1945 when he was elected Chief of the Society. During this time he contributed many pieces including 'Highland Second

Sight,' 'Place Names of Coll' and 'Siol Eachain.'

During the First World War, Dugald volunteered for service and joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Seaforths. It was after the war that he would go on to write and publish 'The Sword of the North,' in which he recorded the part played by Highland soldiers – regulars and Territorials – in the war.

Dugald married Margaret Louttit Baikie, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Baikie, Lochview, Bower, in Inverness in 1917.

Margaret was born in 1895 in Bower and during the Great War she served as a Woman Voluntary War Worker and conducted a Section of the W.V.W.S.

Margaret, known as Minnie, was a Sunday School teacher and church organist and held the Offices of Honorary Secretary and President of the Presbyterian Council of the Woman's Guild.

Margaret passed away on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1980 in Thurso and is buried with her husband Dugald in Bower Cemetery.

(Information taken from 'In Memoriam The Reverend Dugald MacEchn, M.A., B.D. Minister of Holy Rood Church, Bower,' Scotland's People and Oddquine.co.uk)

Custodial history:

## **RECORDS' CONTENT**

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

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### **ALLIED MATERIALS**

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<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
P826	<p>Christmas Greeting Card, MacEchern Marionettes, with black and white photograph: "Princess Cinderella in her Golden Coach drawn by her snow-white ponies, as exhibited in Paris before the War, brings to you the affectionate Christmas and New Year Greeting of the celebrated Bower and Inverness MacEchern Marionettes. Patronised by the Peerage."</p> <p>Handwritten note on the back: "With love to you from Dugald and Minnie MacEchern"</p> <p>(1 item)</p>	c.1920