

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

# Archives

COMHAIRLE NA GÀIDHEALTACHD

# Tasglann

*Inverness  
Caithness  
Lochaber*



The Highland  
Council  
Comhairle na  
Gàidhealtachd

*'Archives reveal the past, explain the present, and guide the future. They are essential to good administration, to the democratic and legal rights of the citizen, and to a proper understanding of both the past and the present'.*

**Scottish National Archives Policy, 1998.**

## **WHAT ARE ARCHIVES?**

### **DÈ THA ANN AN TASGLANNAN?**

Archives are the records of official bodies, businesses, societies and individuals which have been identified as worthy of permanent preservation. Since they are a unique record of our past, archives need to be preserved in secure, environmentally controlled conditions from where they may be made available to the public for research.

[www.highland.gov.uk/archives](http://www.highland.gov.uk/archives)

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## THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL ARCHIVE SERVICE TASGLANN COMHAIRLE NA GÀIDHEALTACHD

The Archive Service is responsible for locating, preserving and making accessible archives relating to all aspects of the history of the geographical area of The Highland Council.

The Archive Service is part of The Highland Council's Education, Culture and Sport Service. It enables the Council to meet its statutory obligation to make '*proper arrangements for the preservation and management of records*' **Local Government [Scotland] Act, 1994, s.53.**

### HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

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*H. Stoddart pinxit*

*Inverness.*

*P. Mayall sculpsit*

Archives are used for a wide variety of purposes such as to research the history of a Highland community, or of a particular house or property, to research family history, to assist in legal and official enquiries, and for research into many aspects of the social, economic and political history of the Highlands.





Detailed catalogues of many of the collections held by the Archive Service are available for consultation in the searchrooms. Online access to SCAN (the Scottish Archives Network) and other archival websites, is also available in the searchrooms.

Photocopies and photographs of archives can be obtained, depending on copyright and on the physical condition of the document (a list of current charges is available).



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EXHIBITION NUMBER OR REFERENCE	DATE OF EXHIBITION OR RE-ADMISSION		NAME IN FULL CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME
	Year	Month/Day	
152	91	10/30	Brammer David
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154	91	11/18	James Rae
155	91	11/30	Brammer Thomas
156	92	1/25	Johanna F.
157	92	2/3	Murray F.
158	92	2/8	Bella W.
159	92	2/8	M. Kennedy
160	92	2/9	Sharp
161	92	2/9	White
162	92	2/10	Ross
163	92	3/7	Murray
164	92	4/4	W.
165	92	4/5	H.
166	92	5/20	M.
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Thurso 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1892.

Report on the progress of the  
Schools in town of Thurso  
in 1891.

Schools in town of Thurso besides the Parish School  
Reported on by Rev. W.R. Taylor & C. Findlay

Name & description of School	Discipline	Attendance	Books	Books	Books	N. of Scholars	Books	Books	Books	Books	Books	Books
Free Church School	52	193	15	1022	Good	200	119	100	100	100	100	2/0
Parish School	256	193	15	201	Good	200	165	160	150	150	150	10
Methodist Girls	453	215	15	914	Good	200	165	160	150	150	150	6/1
Methodist Boys	166	215	15	102	2d	100	70	64	64	64	64	3/1
Methodist Infants	215	175	15	141	2d	100	70	64	64	64	64	3/1
Methodist Sabbath School	166	175	15	226	2d	55	60	55	55	55	55	3/1
Methodist Evening Class	181	6	6	79	2d	37	40	39	39	39	39	1/1
Methodist Bible Class	215	153	15	334	2d	37	40	39	39	39	39	1/1
Methodist Bible Class	142	125	15	199	2d	13	25	24	24	24	24	1/1
Methodist Bible Class	175	125	15	201	2d	13	25	24	24	24	24	1/1

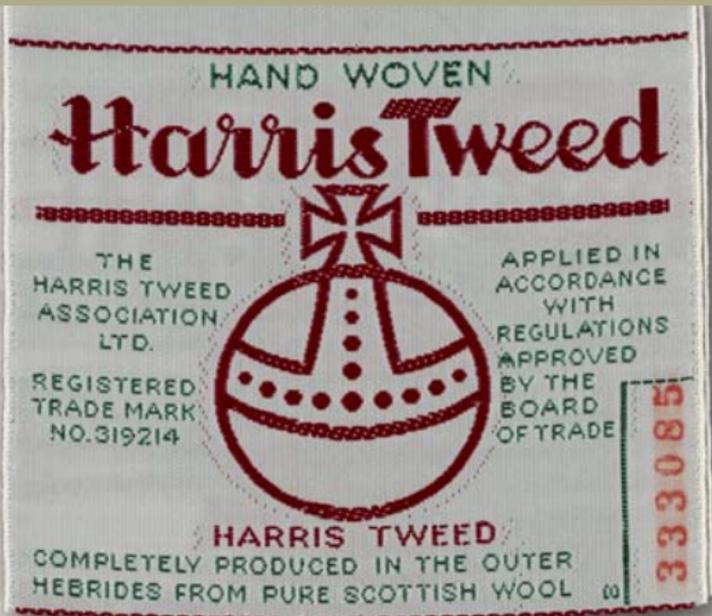
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The Archives staff are on duty to advise users and to guide them towards records which are relevant to their enquiries, and to assist in interpreting the records. Staff are able to answer brief enquiries about the availability of records by post, by email, or by telephone. More extensive research into the collections can be undertaken for a fee (please ask for details).

Surveys of archives held in private or institutional hands can be undertaken, and reports provided.



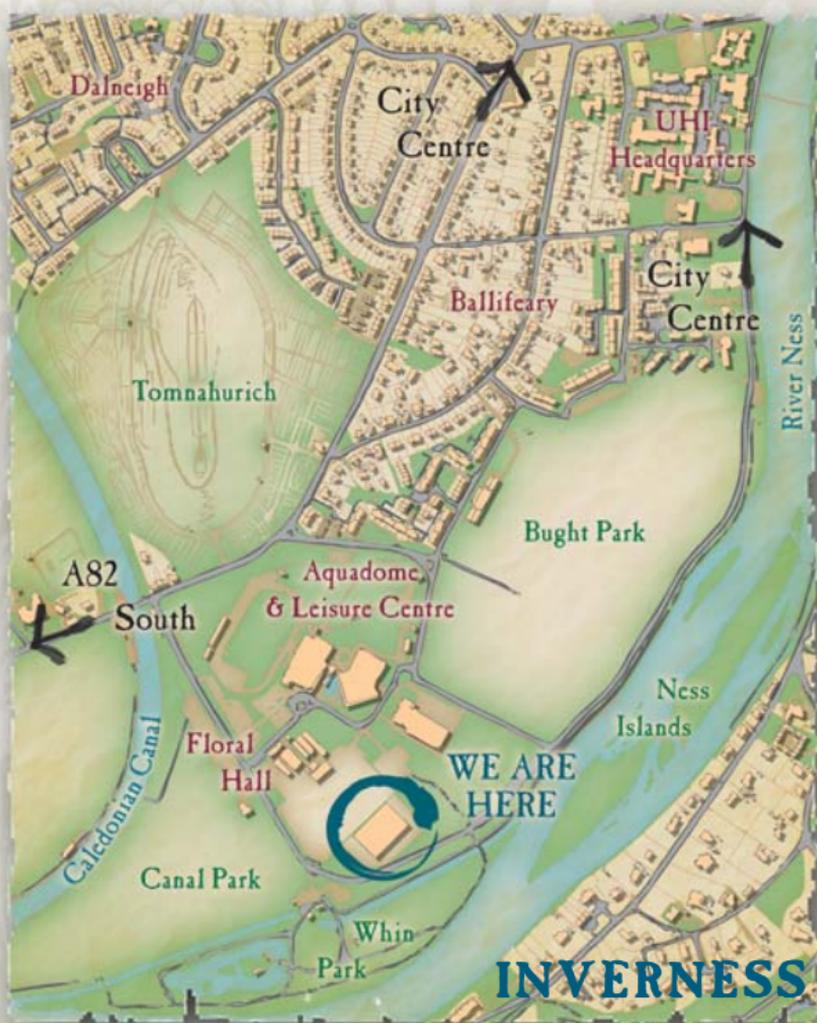


Advice on the preservation and conservation of documents is available from the staff of the Archive Conservation Unit.

An Education and Outreach service is available from the Archive Service. Visits to the centres can be arranged for school groups, community organisations, and local and family history groups. Exhibitions can be staged at external venues, and the archivists are available to give daytime or evening talks as required.

<i>Minute of Proceedings at Pultney Harbour in 1864.</i>			
<i>No</i>	<i>Warrant</i>	<i>Kind</i>	<i>Author</i>
			<i>Remarks Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1864</i>
1			<i>Light extinguished at 8.00 AM</i>
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5			<i>Unusual stream in the Bay from Stornoway bringing</i>
6			<i>news up to Friday morning. The fishing had got them</i>
7			<i>off at Stornoway, but good catches and reported from</i>
8			<i>Holmoe &amp;c.</i>
9			
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11			
12	29-37		<i>The Curing Lots were this day exposed to Public View</i>
1			<i>and realized the sum of £4.89 being some £17</i>
2			<i>less than the total price. As Lots were with advantage</i>
3			<i>from the View in consequence of the better coming of persons,</i>
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			<i>The small boat of Swineshead from Stornoway, with Herrings</i>
			<i>bound for Peterhead, went ashore on the south side of the</i>
			<i>bay of Aohagill, was abandoned by the crew, at low water</i>
			<i>the cargo was got out and brought round to this Harbour</i>
			<i>Light extinguished lighted 8.20 AM.</i>

*Highland Archive and Registration Centre*  
*Tasglann agus Ionad-Clàraidh na Gàidhealtachd*



**SEARCHROOM OPENING HOURS**

Monday	10am - 5pm
Tuesday	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 7.30pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Friday	Closed

(the searchroom is available for pre-arranged group visits on Fridays and at weekends)



These charges will be added to the other 1000 Shillings.

**COMING EAST.**

Blackburn	100	100
Carlisle	100	100
Edinburgh	100	100
Glasgow	100	100
London	100	100
Manchester	100	100
Portsmouth	100	100
Sheffield	100	100
Trinidad	100	100
Wales	100	100

1 Each each September. 2 Cares after each September.

**PLEASURE SAILINGS**  
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Dunchurch or Althorpe	100	Dunchurch or Althorpe	100
Althorpe	100	Althorpe	100
Trochu	100	Trochu	100
Inverness	100	Inverness	100
Portsmouth	100	Portsmouth	100

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On Wednesdays and Saturdays.  
During July and August, and until each Sept.

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Wales	100	100
Trinidad	100	100
Wales	100	100

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Carlisle	100	100
Edinburgh	100	100
Glasgow	100	100
London	100	100
Manchester	100	100
Portsmouth	100	100
Sheffield	100	100
Trinidad	100	100
Wales	100	100

1 Each each September. 2 Cares after each Sept.

**CIRCULAR TOURS.**

**INVERNESS, BANAVIE, MALLAC, AND KYLE.**  
Cabin 50s, 30s; Cabin 50s, 30s; 50s 50s, 20s.

**INVERNESS, BANAVIE, MALLAC, AND CARLUCK.**  
Cabin 50s, 40s; Cabin 50s, 44s; 50s 50s, 30s.

**INVERNESS, BANAVIE, MALLAC, AND CARLUCK.**  
Cabin 50s, 40s; Cabin 50s, 30s; 50s 50s, 20s.

**INVERNESS, BANAVIE, MALLAC, AND CARLUCK.**  
Cabin 50s, 40s; Cabin 50s, 30s; 50s 50s, 20s.

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INVERNESS, BANAVIE, MALLAC, AND CARLUCK.  
Cabin 50s, 60s; Cabin 50s, 50s; 50s 50s, 30s.

**INVERNESS, BANAVIE, MALLAC, AND CARLUCK.**  
Cabin 50s, 40s; Cabin 50s, 30s; 50s 50s, 20s.

**OFFSHORE FARES.**

From	To	Single	Return
INVERNESS	To	Cabin 50s, Cabin 30s	Cabin 50s, Cabin 30s
Dunchurch	100	100	100
Althorpe	100	100	100
Trochu	100	100	100
Inverness	100	100	100
Portsmouth	100	100	100
Sheffield	100	100	100
Trinidad	100	100	100
Wales	100	100	100
Trinidad	100	100	100
Wales	100	100	100

The archives in the care of The Highland Archive and Registration Centre date from the 15<sup>th</sup> century to the present day, and consist of documents in different formats from charters, minute books, correspondence and accounts, to maps, photographs, and films. With certain exceptions these may be consulted free of charge in the public searchroom.

The main series of official records held at The Highland Archive & Registration Centre are those created by The Highland Council and its predecessors, the former Regional, County, District and Burgh Councils:

- The Counties of Inverness, Nairn, Ross and Cromarty, and Sutherland from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to 1975. (NB records of the County of Caithness are held at the Caithness Archive Centre, Wick.)





- The Burghs of Cromarty, Dingwall, Dornoch, Fortrose, Grantown on Spey, Invergordon, Inverness, Kingussie, Nairn and Tain from the 15<sup>th</sup> century to 1975. *(NB records of the Burghs of Fort William, Thurso and Wick are held at the Area Archive Centres in Lochaber and Caithness as appropriate.)*

- The Highland Regional Council, 1975-1996.

The records of local government administration include:

- Education records from the 1860s, including logbooks and admission registers for more than three hundred schools.
- Poor relief records, 1845-1929.
- Records of Highway Authorities, including Turnpike Trusts, 1804-1890.
- Property valuation rolls, 1868-1989.
- Dean of Guild and Building Control plans and registers, 1890-1975.
- Inverness Burgh records include High Court and Inverness County Sheriff Court process papers, 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
- Abridgements of Sasines for the Counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Nairn, Ross and Cromarty and Sutherland from 1781.
- Police archives, 1858-1992.

Among the many hundreds of privately deposited archives in the care of the Highland Council Archives there are:

- Estate and family papers.
- Business and industrial records.
- Church records.
- Records of societies, and other local organisations.
- Records relating to the history of tartan.
- Maps and plans, including estate maps, Roy's Military Survey, and extensive holdings of 25": 1 mile scale Ordnance Survey plans dating from the 1860s.

**NB**

Records relating to **Caithness** are held at the Caithness Archive Centre, Wick. Records relating to **Lochaber** are held at the Lochaber Archive Centre, Fort William.



# The Family History Centre

## Ionad Eachdraidh Teaghlach



An integral part of the Highland Archive and Registration Centre, is the Family History Centre, a facility dedicated to all aspects of genealogy, clan history, and family history throughout the Highlands and the wider world.

### FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday	10am - 5pm
Tuesday	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 7.30pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Friday	10am - 5pm

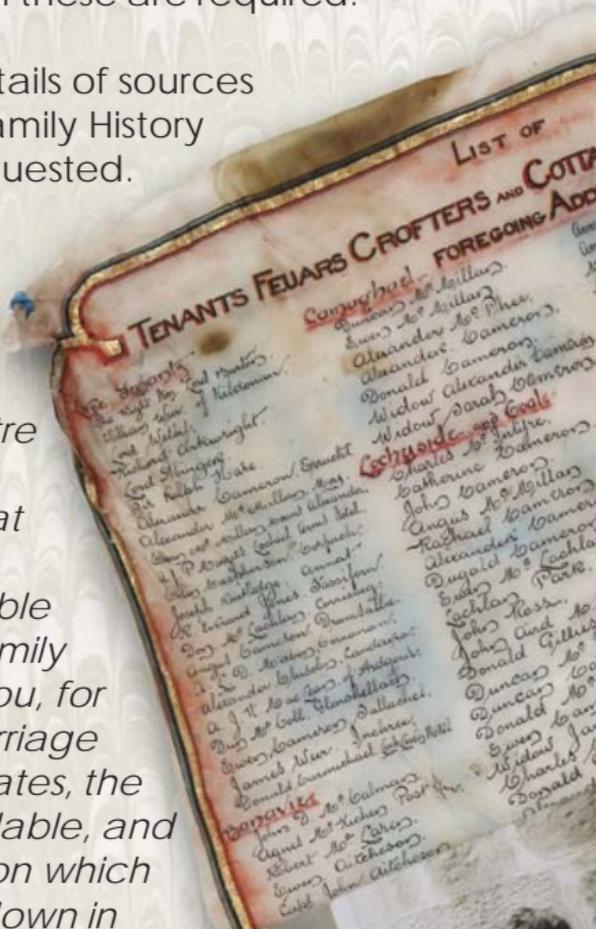
### VALUATION ROLL of the COUNTY of ROSS for Year 1872-73.—PARISH of LOCHCARRON.

No.	Description and Situation of Subject.	Proprietor.	Tenant or Occupier.	Duration of Lease.	Value in A.D.
2148	Land, Coulags ... ..	Sir Ivor Bertie Guest, Bart.	Widow Farquhar Macleennan ... ..	...	...
2149	" ditto ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Duncan Macleennan ... ..	...	...
2150	" ditto ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Widow D. Macdonald, sen. ... ..	...	...
2151	" ditto ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Widow D. Macdonald, jun. ... ..	...	...
2152	" ditto ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Widow Donald Macrae ... ..	...	...
2153	" ditto ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Murilo Maclean ... ..	...	...
2154	" ditto ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Alexander Maclean ... ..	...	...
2155	House, &c., Achmashellach ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Proprietor ... ..	...	...
2156	Deer Forest, part of Corrievannie, Corrielerie, Comras, Craigneillan, Gortan, Lair, Craig, part of Hill of Balnacara and Achmashellach ... ..	" ditto ... ..	ditto ... ..	...	...
2157	Fishings, Carron and Loch Doule ... ..	" ditto ... ..	ditto ... ..	...	...
2158	Land, Morusk, and part of Corrievannie and Corrielerie ... ..	John R. Shaw of Glencarron, Arrow Park, Birkenhead ... ..	Robert Tennant ... ..	...	14
2159	Loanorviechrubie ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Alexander Chisholm ... ..	...	...
2160	Fishings, West Corrievannie ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Proprietor ... ..	...	...
2161	Lodge, Glencarron ... ..	" ditto ... ..	ditto ... ..	...	...
2162	House, Strathcarron ... ..	The Dingwall and Skye Railway Company, per Charles Lamond, Railway Offices, Inverness ... ..	J. Junner, porter ... ..	...	...
2163	Coulin Lodge, and Forest Grazings ... ..	Right Hon. Lord Elphinstone, per Thomas Lees, Musselburgh ... ..	Proprietor ... ..	...	...
2164	Fishings ... ..	" ditto ... ..	ditto ... ..	...	...
2165	Established Manse and Garden, Lochcarron ... ..	Rev. John Haggart ... ..	ditto ... ..	...	...
2166	" Glebe Lands ... ..	" ditto ... ..	Roderick Mackenzie ... ..	...	...
2167	" Church Manse ... ..	Rev. Donald Forbes ... ..	Proprietor ... ..	...	999

The Highland Council's Genealogy Service holds and makes available extensive holdings of material which may be of assistance to the family historian, and, in addition the genealogy staff are able to offer general advice, answer enquiries, and to undertake more detailed research and consultations when these are required.

A leaflet giving details of sources available at the Family History Centre may be requested. Please ask for a copy.

*Prior to visiting the Family History Centre we recommend, where possible, that you collect any information available from within your family and bring it with you, for example birth, marriage and death certificates, the family Bible if available, and also any information which may have come down in your family through the oral tradition.*



*Caithness Archive Centre*  
*Tasglann Ghallaibh*



**OPENING HOURS**

Monday	10am - 1.30pm & 2pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday	10am - 1.30pm & 2pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am - 1.30pm & 2pm - 5.30pm
Friday	10am - 1.30pm & 2pm - 5pm



As part of the Highland Council Archive Service, the Caithness Archive Centre at Wick, is responsible for locating, preserving and making accessible documents relating to all aspects of Highland history.

The Caithness Archive Centre collects and preserves archives relating to Caithness, dating from 1589 to the present, and, with certain exceptions, these may be consulted free of charge, in the public searchroom.

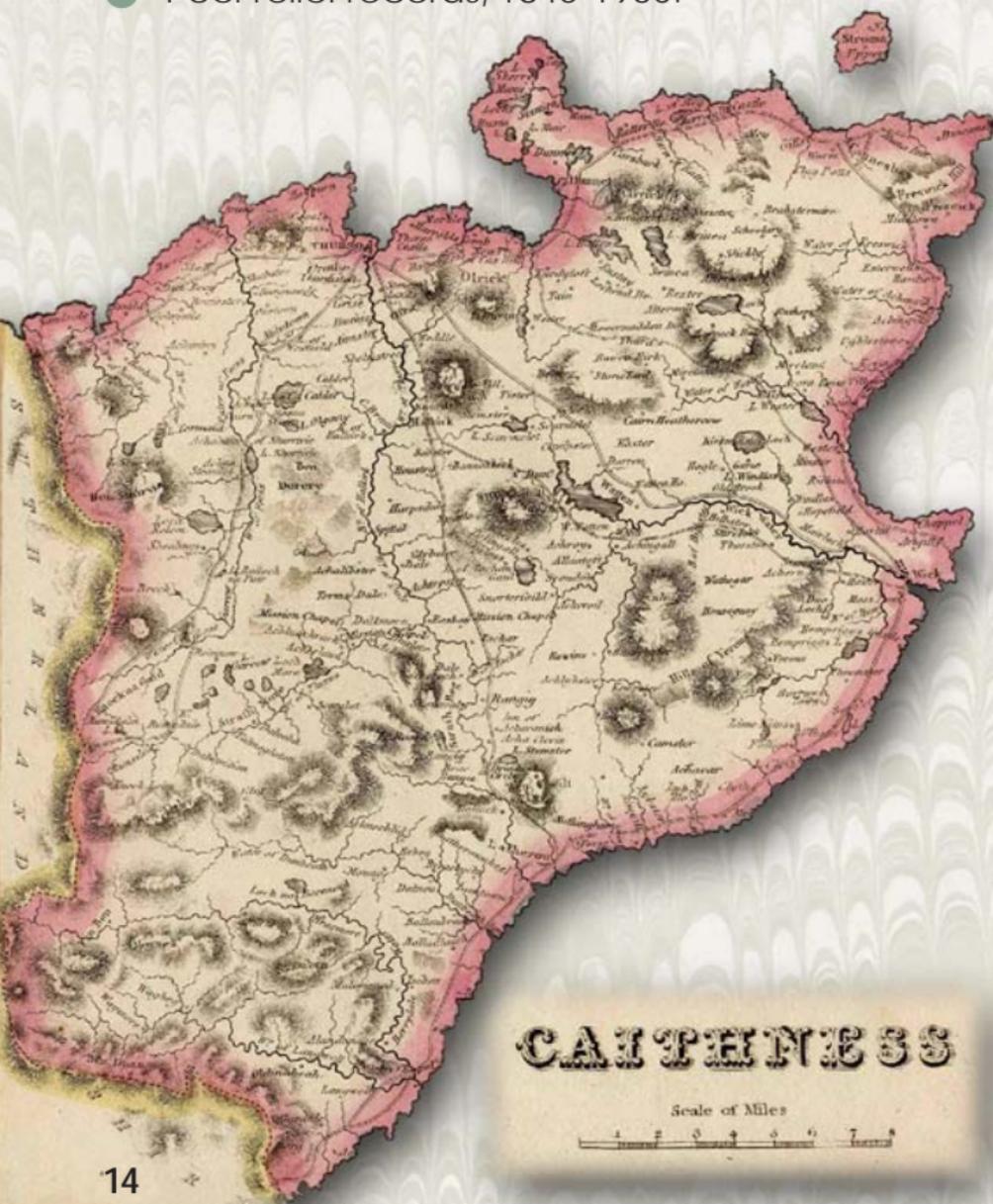


The archives in the care of the Caithness Archive Centre date from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present, and consist of documents in different formats including charters, minute books, correspondence, maps, plans, photographs and films.

### Collections held at the Caithness Archive Centre include:

#### Cruinneachaidhean a th' aig Tasglann Ghallaibh

- Caithness County Council records, 1890-1975.
- Education records from the 1860s, including logbooks and admission registers from more than sixty Caithness schools.
- Poor relief records, 1845-1930.



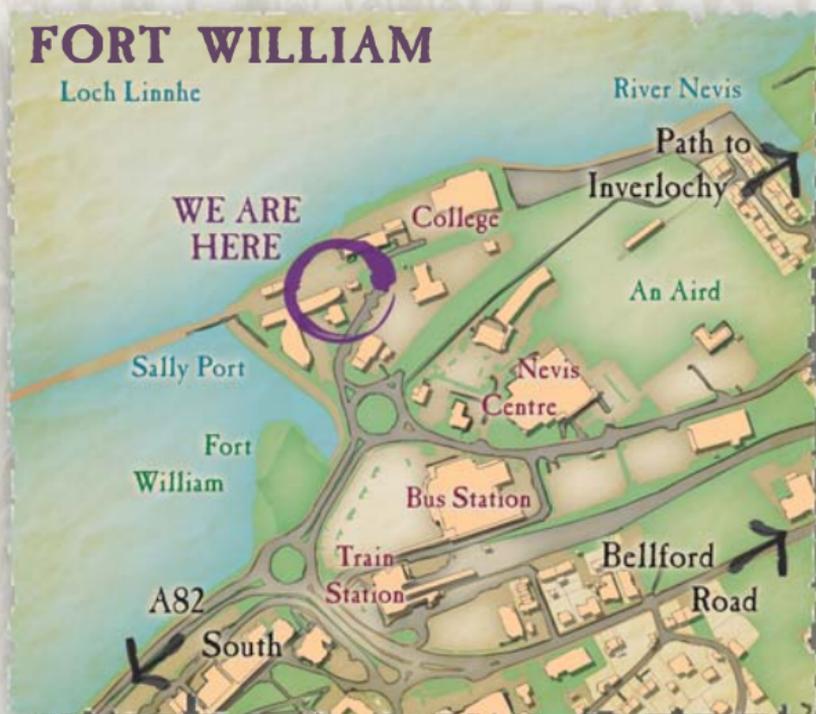


- Property valuation rolls, 1878-1975.
- Thurso Burgh records, 1803-1965.
- Wick Burgh records, 1589-1975.
- Police records, 1858-2002.
- Wick Customs and Excise records, 1855-1989.
- Records of Wick Harbour Trust, 1880-1988, and Thurso River Harbour Trust, 1889-1971.
- Abridgements of Sasines for the County of Caithness from 1781.
- Business records.
- Records of individuals, societies and other organisations.
- Maps and plans, including Ordnance Survey plans scale 25":1 mile, dating from 1870.
- Genealogical resources on microfilm for the counties of Caithness and Sutherland including census returns, Old Parish Registers, and the International Genealogical Index.



THURSO CASTLE.  
CAITHNESS.

*Lochaber Archive Centre*  
*Tasglann Loch Abar*



**OPENING HOURS**

- Monday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
(5pm - 7.30pm by appointment)
- Tuesday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
- Wednesday Closed
- Thursday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
- Friday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

*Parking is available at Lochaber College, and refreshments may be purchased in the College café.*



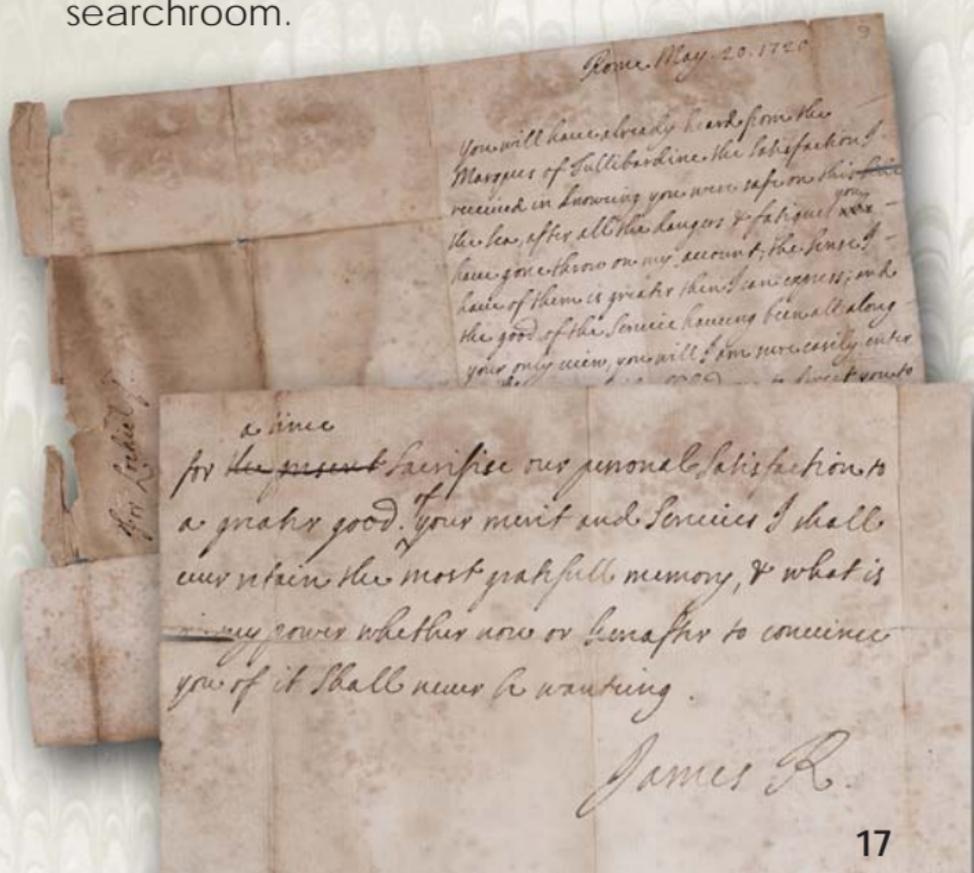


SEE DAVID AND EVYLANCOO TO THE CALLEDONIAN CANAL.

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As part of the Highland Council Archive Service, the Lochaber Archive Centre at Fort William is responsible for locating, preserving and making accessible documents relating to all aspects of Highland history.

The Lochaber Archive Centre collects and preserves archives relating to Lochaber, dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present, and, with certain exceptions, these may be consulted free of charge in the public searchroom.

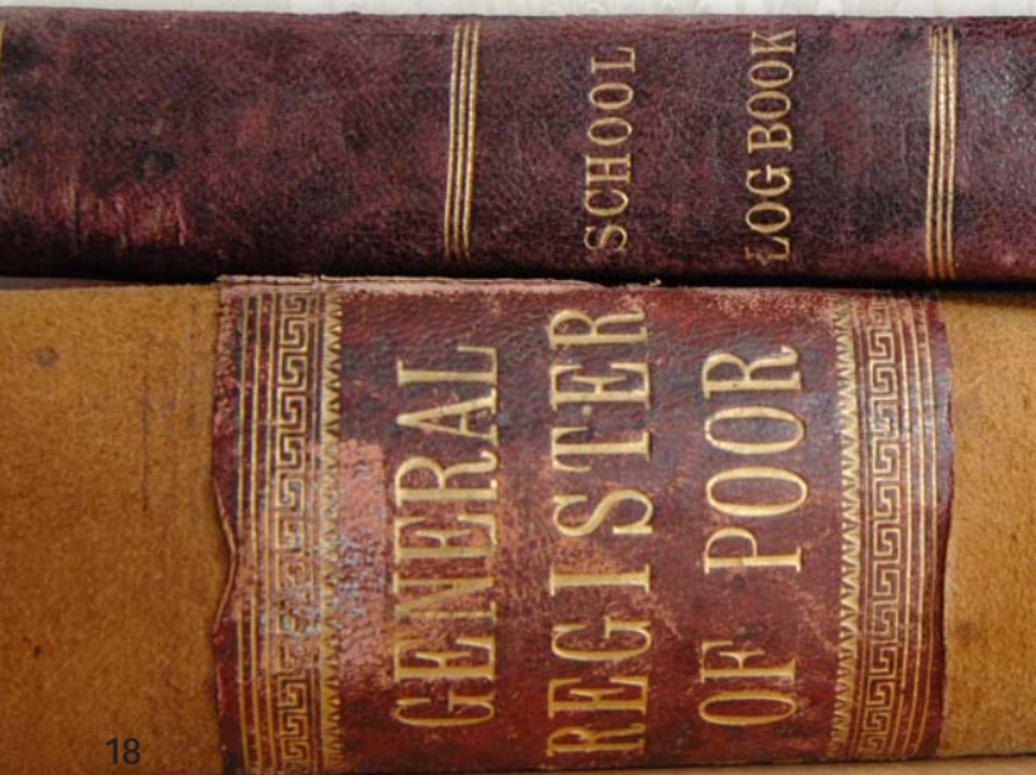


The archives in the care of the Lochaber Archive Centre consist of documents in different formats including charters, minute books, correspondence, maps, plans, photographs and films.

### Collections held at the Lochaber Archive Centre include:

Na Cruinneachaidhean a tha aig Tasglann Loch Abar:

- Local authority records created by the former Counties of Inverness and Argyll which relate to the Lochaber area, 1890-1975.
- Education records from the 1860s, including logbooks and admission registers from more than sixty Lochaber schools.
- Poor relief records, 1845-1930.
- Property valuation rolls, 1874-1990.
- Fort William Burgh records, 1874-1975.
- Police archives, 1875-1946.
- Church records including kirk session and presbytery records for parishes in the Lochaber Presbytery, 1724-1991.



1864

5 Thomas Stevenson Clerk Kintalor Stone of  
Kilbrannoch Parish, and Sarah Cameron of Ellrich,  
Parish of Appin were regularly Proclaimed  
for Marriage in the Church of Duroo and  
no objections: -

30 Allan McIntyre Glencoe of this Parish  
and Catherine Kennedy of the Parish of  
Kilmarnock were regularly proclaimed for  
Marriage in the Church of Duroo for two successive  
Sundays and no objections offered: -

28 Charles McInnes Coachman Ballestrath of this  
Parish and Margaret McEwen of the Parish  
of North Knapdale were regularly proclaimed  
for Marriage in the Church of Duroo and no  
objections offered: -

1865

15 John Lamond Tharrie Glenis of this Parish  
and Catherine McIntyre of the Parish  
of Carthross, were regularly Proclaimed for  
Marriage in the Church of Duroo and no  
objections offered: -

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- Abridgements of Sasines for the Counties of Argyll and Inverness, from 1781.
- Estate and family papers including those of Cameron of Lochiel from 1679, and Cameron-Head of Inverailort, from 1799.
- Archives of individuals, businesses, societies, and other organisations.
- Maps and plans, including Ordnance Survey plans scale 25":1 mile dating from 1870.
- Genealogical resources on microfilm for the Lochaber area including census returns, 1841-1901, and Old Parish Registers.

LOCHIELS  
FACTORY ACCOUNTS  
1870-71.

Notes  
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## PAGE DESCRIPTION

- Front Charter relating to privileges granted to the Burgh of Fortrose, 1455.
- 2 Engraving of Inverness, c.1770  
Nairn Parish Church, Dean of Guild plan, 1893.
- 3 Digging a train out of snow at Altnabreac, Caithness, c.1898.  
Sutherland Education Authority dux medal.  
Rosehall School admission register, 1891.
- 4 Thurso School Board minutes, 1872.
- 5 Harris Tweed label.  
Wick Harbour Trust, Harbourmaster's diary, 1864.
- 7 Caledonian Canal timetable, 1908.  
Nairn Fishermen's Society minute book, 1767.
- 9 Detail from HMI Inspector of Schools presentation album, 1905.
- 10 St.Kilda children, c.1905.  
County of Ross valuation roll, 1872-73.
- 11 Address from the tenants of the Lochiel Estate to Donald Walter Cameron, 1898.  
Embo school photograph, 1912.
- 13 Wick Burgh Charter, 1589.  
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- 14 Map of the County of Caithness, 1828.
- 15 Sinclair MacDonald & Son, architect's plan for alterations to Dunnet United Free Church, 1920.  
Engraving of Thurso Castle, c.1840.
- 17 Engraving of Ben Nevis and the entrance to the Caledonian Canal, c.1840.  
Letter from James Edward Stuart in Rome to Cameron of Lochiel, 1720.
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- Back Engraving of Loch Assynt and Ardvreck Castle, c.1840.



*Loch Ailigat & Inverness Castle*

For further information or to request this information in an alternative format e.g. large print, braille, computer disk, audio tape, or suitable language, please contact:

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