Highland Archives

Inverness Caithness Lochaber Skye & Lochalsh



Tasglann 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.

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HIGHLAND ARCHIVE SERVICE

SEIRBHEIS TASGLAINN 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 High Life Highland. It enables High Life Highland and The Highland Council to meet their statutory obligations to make proper arrangements for the management of their records. **Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011.**

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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.

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The Archive 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.



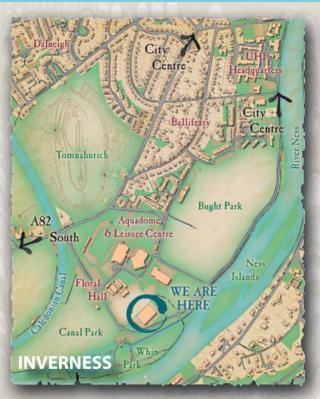


Advice on the preservation and conservation of documents is available from the staff of the Archive Conservation Unit.

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.

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SEARCHROOM OPENING HOURS

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Monday	10am - 5pm
Tuesday	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 7.30pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Friday	Closed
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The archives in the care of The Highland Archive Centre date from the 14th 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 Centre are those created by The Highland Council and its predecessors, the former Regional, District, County, and **Burgh Councils:**

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

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The Burghs of Cromarty, Dingwall, Dornoch, Fortrose, Grantown on Spey, Invergordon, Inverness, Kingussie, Nairn and Tain from the 14th 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, 17th - 19th 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 Highland Archives there are:

- Highland Health Board archives, dating from 1798.
- Estate and family papers.
- Business and industrial records.
- Church records including kirk session records for parishes in the presbyteries of Inverness, Ross, Sutherland, Lochcarron-Skye, and part of Moray, dating from the 1640s.
- 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.

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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. Records relating to **Skye and Lochalsh** are held at the Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre, Portree.



The Family History Centre Ionad Eachdraidh Teaghlaich



An integral part of the Highland Archive 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

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The Highland 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 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 vou collect anv 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.

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Caithness Archive Centre Tasglann Ghallaibh



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Tuesday	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5.30pm
Friday	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

As part of the Highland 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.

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- 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.

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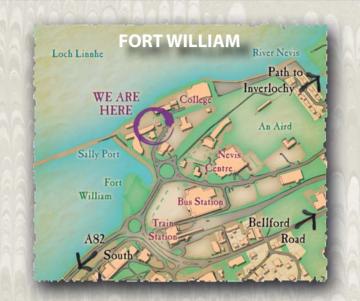
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Lochaber Archive Centre Tasglann Loch Abar



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 West Highland College, and refreshments may be purchased in the College café.



As part of the Highland 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 17th century to the present, and, with certain exceptions, these may be consulted free of charge in the public searchroom.

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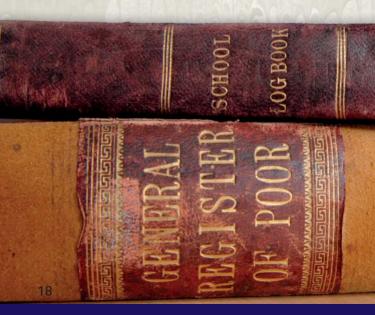
Collections held at the Lochaber Archive Centre include:

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- 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.

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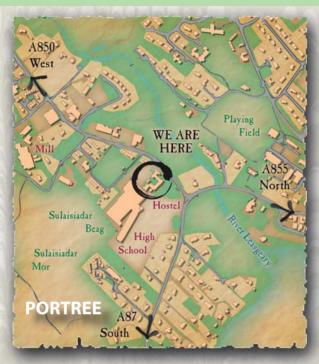


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Genealogical resources on microfilm for the Lochaber area including census returns, 1841-1901, Old Parish Registers, and the International Genealogical Index.

Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre Ionad Tasglainn an Eilein Sgitheanaich is Loch Aillse



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Tuesday	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
Friday	10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Other times may be possible by arrangement.



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

The Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre collects and preserves archives relating to the local area dating from the 17th 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 Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre consist of documents in different formats including maps, plans, photographs, drawings and sound recordings.

Collections held at the Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre include: Na Cruinneachaidhean a tha aig Tasglann an Eilein Sgitheanaich agus Loch Aillse:

Local authority records created by the former Counties of Inverness and Ross and Cromarty which relate to the Skye and Lochalsh area, 1854-1975. Education records from the 1860s, including logbooks and admission registers for many Skye and Lochalsh schools. Poor relief records, 1856-1929. Property valuation rolls, 1874-1975.

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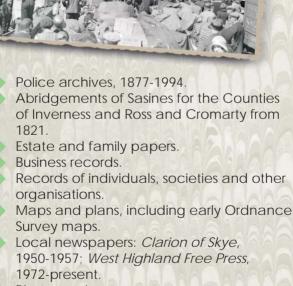
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Photographs. Prints and drawings. Genealogical resources on microfilm: census returns for Skye and Lochalsh parishes, 1841-1901; Old Parish Registers for Skye and Outer Hebrides, 1800-1854. Extensive local history library.

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 - 4 Thurso School Board minutes, 1872.
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 - 7 Caledonian Canal timetable, 1908. Nairn Fishermen's Society minute book, 1767.
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