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Summary information

Repository:	Queen's University Archives
Title:	Rob Roy Pipe Band and Highland Dancers fonds
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Rob Roy Pipe Band and Highland Dancers (1957-) finds its origins in the militia group, No. 11 Medical Company Pipe Band, formed at the Kingston Armouries in 1953. In 1955 the Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders Association Pipe Band was formed as an adjunct to the Medical Company Pipe Band. These bands worked in co-operation, with cross memberships, until 1957 when the Stormont Dundas and Glengarry affiliation ceased because of a disagreement over the administration of band funds. By this time the militia affiliation was proving to be difficult for the band as well. On May 18, 1957 the members of No. 11 Medical Company Pipe band agreed to form a new independent pipe band. They chose the MacGregor tartan and the Rob Roy name for the band because they were particularly attractive and because they symbolized the qualities of independence pride and loyalty to Scottish traditions that the band wished to perpetuate. Separation from the militia connection caused the Rob Roy Band members a number of financial and logistical problems. The loss of the armouries as a practice venue meant the band had to find a new practice hall and band members began to hold dances to raise funds. They also set up classes for perspective band members and charged organizations that wished to have the band participate in parades and the like. The band prospered and in 1962, after some debate, it began to accept female members. It formed a connection with Queen's University Pipe Band and added highland dancers to the organization as the years went by. In 1974 the band had advanced to the stage where a new constitution was necessary, one that recognized the contributions of the dancers with full membership in the organization along with the pipers and drummers. In 1978 the band celebrated its 25 anniversary, it had become closely associated with the Kingston Folk Arts Council "Folklore" celebrations and was broadening its horizons with a trip to Scotland . The band has continued to prosper through the years, in 1983 the constitution was updated again and it returned to Scotland once more in 1984.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of correspondence, minutes of meetings, publications, accounts, lists of tunes in the band's repertory, lists of band supplies ordered, annual reports, membership lists and accounts of specific band activities. Several detailed histories of the organization were written over the years and these have been included in the fonds.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Jim and Doris Sutherland, and the executive of the Rob Roy Pipe Band and Highland Dancers - 1994

Arrangement

This fonds was accumulated by Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland during their many years of association with the band. After 1984, when the Sutherlands retired from much of their active participation in the band's activities, they began to arrange the papers into a documentary history of the organization that they placed in a series of binders. The chronological arrangement of the fonds at Queen's reflects the one established by the Sutherlands for these binders.

Location of originals

5067.6

Restrictions on access

Open

Conditions governing use

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Finding aids

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Accruals

No further accruals are expected

Other notes

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Series descriptions**Series F02005-S01: History**Scope and content:

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F02005-S01-f0001	File - Book 1	1953-1966		5067.6, Box 1, File 1
F02005-S01-f0002	File - Book 2	1967-1975		5067.6, Box 1, File 2
F02005-S01-f0003	File - Book 3	1976-1980		5067.6, Box 1, File 3
F02005-S01-f0004	File - Book 4	1981-1984		5067.6, Box 1, File 4
F02005-S01-f0005	File - Book 5 - Constitutional Records: A brief history	1953-1984		5067.6, Box 1, File 5

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F02005-S02-f0002	File - Minutes	1974-1978		5067.6, Box 1, File 7

F02005-S02-f0003	File - Minutes	1979-1981	5067.6, Box 1, File 8
F02005-S02-f0004	File - Minutes	1982-1984	5067.6, Box 1, File 9