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John Alexander Fairley was appointed the first Lauriston Castle Trust Full-Time Curator.

Please identify:

Who were subsequently appointed Lauriston Castle Full-Time Curators?

The periods between which their appointments lasted.

Who employed them (Lauriston Castle Trust or another party)?

If another party, who?

Were their duties as Curator of Lauriston Castle full-time?

If not to what extent did their duties to Lauriston Castle extend?

The Museums and Galleries Service do not hold historic records of the custodians or curators for Lauriston Castle. The current Curator for Applied Art, which includes Lauriston Castle and the Museum of Edinburgh, is Helen Edwards. Helen joined the Council on 13 November 2006. In addition, a full time Steward, Amy Muir was Steward of Lauriston Castle from 2019 – 2020.

It's likely that some of our Archive collections may hold some helpful information on the Custodians and Curators at Lauriston Castle.

The collection most likely to be helpful here is the Town Council Minutes (SL1) and these cover the full period c. 1920-1960s.. It's likely that they will contain information about the management of Lauriston Castle, but we cannot guarantee these records would hold all of the information requested.

We've also identified a couple of City Chamberlain Files that may be worth consulting:

- City Chamberlain's Files: File on Lauriston Castle Trust:1926-1947
- City Chamberlain's Files: File on Lauriston Castle and miscellaneous Trusts: 1948-1954

And some Town Clerk Files:

Committee files					
File title	Old ref	Date from	Date to	DRT number	Box number
Lauriston Castle Trust	0359/003	01 March 1932	31 March 1932	14	14
Lauriston Castle Trust	0359/002	01 June 1929	29 February 1932	14	15
Lauriston Castle Trust	0359/001	01 May 1926	31 May 1929	14	15

If you contact the City Archives and reference these records, they can arrange for them to be viewed. The following is the link to information about our opening arrangements etc:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/archives/edinburgh-city-archives-1/4?documentId=12641&categoryId=20287>