

# 'BARTHOLOMEW DAY'

EDINBURGH GEOGRAPHICAL INSTITUTE



JOHN GEORGE BARTHOLOMEW LLD (1860 - 1920)

Geographer and Cartographer Royal

Fourth Generation in a line of Mapmakers from 1797

Founder of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society in 1884



This institute, built in 1910, was designed by Dr John George Bartholomew to house his firm's expanding map printing and publishing operations. It incorporates the Palladian portico (1824) from Falcon Hall, the family residence in Morningside. From 1919, as JOHN BARTHOLOMEW & SON LTD, two further generations of the family and a loyal staff continued to develop the traditions and high standards of the company until 1987, when the family involvement ceased.

With the support of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, and the generosity of private donors, this plaque commemorates the immense contribution of the Bartholomew family to world cartography for nearly 200 years.

Unveiled by HRH The Princess Royal, a Vice President of the Society  
11th July 1997

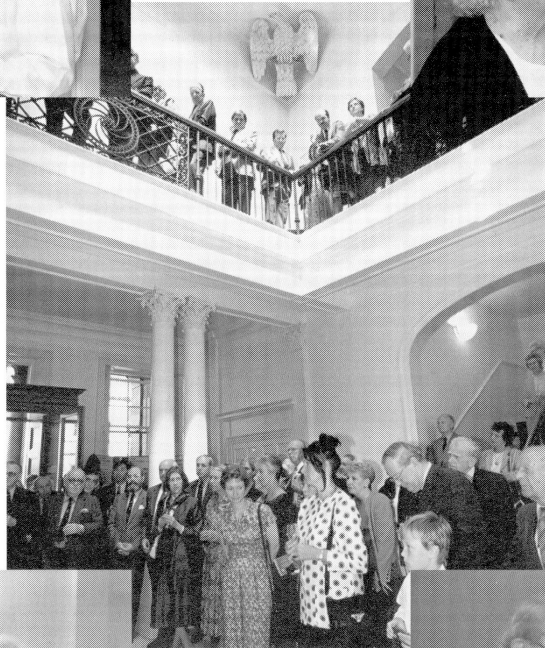


**Above: Ten year-old John Sebastian Bartholomew, eldest grandson of John C Bartholomew, presents the Princess with a framed original map of her ancestor Queen Victoria's 'Royal Progress in Scotland, 1842', engraved by his ancestor John Bartholomew (1805-1861).**

**Right : The Princess Royal talks to 99 year-old Miss Helen Imrie who was 30 years with John Bartholomew & Son and was forewoman of the Colourists Department.**



**Left : Guests gather in the elegant entrance hall at Bartholomew House. Refurbished as private apartments by the Burrell Company and re-named Bartholomew House, the former Edinburgh Geographical Institute was built in 1910 to a design by H Ramsay Taylor. The building incorporates features brought from the former Bartholomew home at Falcon Hall.**



**Left : Viscount Arbuthnott, Vice President of the Society, presents Mr John C Bartholomew with a gift at the reception that followed the unveiling of the commemorative plaque. Both are former Presidents of RSGS.**



**Above : Mr George Russell, who conceived the idea of the Bartholomew Plaque, is presented to The Princess Royal. Mr Russell is a former Trustee of the Society.**

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