

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Local authority records

Falkirk Feuars Finding Aid

Falkirk was erected a Burgh of Barony in 1600. It became a Parliamentary Burgh in 1833 and was incorporated in 1900. This meant that until 1833 there was no Town Council and local government originated with two other bodies: the Stentmasters and the Feuars. They had no legal powers but they raised levies in the burgh and dealt with maintenance and improvements. Their powers were gradually replaced by the legal powers of Falkirk Town Council from 1833.

Falkirk Feuars

Falkirk Feuars collected feus from 1807. They were responsible for establishing the new market. In the 1850s, the Feuars were criticised in the Falkirk Herald and they began to make improvements in the town but the situation finished with a court case over the powers of the Feuars. The Feuars lost the power to levy dues and their powers were gradually replaced by those of the Town Council. By 1890 they had ceased to exist.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A812.007/07	1872-1889	Minutes
A066.215/01	1817-1838	Cash Book
A066.215/02	1831-1878	Cash Book
A009.011	1842-1845	Petty account book
A009.001	Late 19th Century {nd}	Notice: Regulations by the Feuars of Falkirk for the Grain Market
A009.159	15 May 1860	Regulations for the Falkirk Corn Exchange
A010.246	(Late 19th Century) {nd}	Regulations for the Falkirk Corn Exchange
A058.328	1854	Plan of the washing green and Callendar Riggs or Callendar Market; property of the Feuars of Falkirk. Scale 1":50ft. Includes acreage of both washing green and Callendar Riggs
A066.006	1893-1895	Proprietors' accounts rendered book
A066.007	1888-1890	Proprietors' accounts rendered book. Contains records of street improvements
A066.113	20 Oct 1888	Record in appeal (to the Court of Session), the Feuars of Falkirk against the trustees for the Roman Catholic diocese of Edinburgh and St Andrews concerning drainage and sewerage through Callendar Riggs