

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid (8) Papers of the Russel family, 1714-1964

The finding aid for the Russel & Aitken Papers has been divided into 63 parts. This part contains a list of records relating to the Russel family.

Family history

There were four generations bearing the name James Russel before 1787, when James Russel of Russel & Aitken was born.

James Russel; (1787-1858) was a solicitor, and a former apprentice to James Aitken. Russel was appointed Trustee for the Creditors of Falkirk Union Bank following its collapse in 1816. In 1818, aged 31, he took over James Aitken's solicitor business in Falkirk following Aitken's death. Thereafter he went into partnership with Henry Aitken of Darroch, James' son, and the partnership took the name Russel & Aitken. He was also the Town Clerk for Falkirk. James Russel married Catherine Crawford and they had seven children: James, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jean, John, Mary and Helen.

His daughter Margaret married Henry Aitken of Darroch who was her father's business partner (see A1807 for Aitken family papers). His daughter Mary married John Wilson of South Bantaskine (see A1849 for Wilson papers). His daughter Elizabeth (d. 1893) married Graham Hardie.

His son, James Russel jnr of Blackbraes (d.1860) took over for the coal and iron businesses. He died in 1860, surviving his father by only two years, and leaving his wife Eliza Curle and a son, James, and two daughters, Isabella and Catharine (b 1860). Curle and Erskine, solicitors, Melrose, acted as joint agents with Russel & Aitken after his death for the newly created James Russel's Trust. The Trustees were Eliza Curle or Russel, his wife; James Curle of Evelaw, his father in law; Alexander Russel, shipowner, Greenock; John Russel, writer in Falkirk, his brother; Alexander Curle, writer in Melrose; James Curle jnr, writer in Melrose, his brother-in-law; and Henry Aitken, his nephew. The Trust ran the coal and iron business and managed the properties until James's son, James Russel of Dundas Castle, was of age.

John Russel, younger son of James Russel snr was a solicitor and continued the law practice of Russel & Aitken along with James Aitken of Darroch. He was also Provost of Falkirk. He was a notable horticulturist and collector of orchids. John Russel married Mary Gaff Rennie. He died aged 61 in 1881 and his Trusts continued until the death of his daughter Mary Cook Rennie Russel Walker in 1921.

James Russel of Dundas Castle (1858-1940) was the grandson of James Russel, founding partner of Russel & Aitken, and son of James Russel of Blackbraes. He lived at Dundas Castle which was purchased in 1875 by the trustees of the James Russel Trust and then subsequently moved to Kent.

Scope & Contents Note

Title deeds, leases and other records of properties owned by members of the Russel family; legal papers, correspondence and other papers relating to legal disputes and litigation concerning the Russel family and their business interests; records relating

to coal, ironfounding and other business interests; trust and executry papers and other related papers. Mainly records of James Russel snr, two of his sons, James Russel jnr of Blackbraes, coalmaster, and John Russel of Mayfield, solicitor and provost of Falkirk, and his grandson, James Russel of Dundas Castle.

Note on arrangement:

The records of the Russel family were deposited over a period of five years. Although records were collected together in bundles, there was no coherent and clear original order, and the contents of individual bundles were very mixed, often containing a range of papers relating to different generations of the family, different business interests, different partnerships and sometimes papers relating to the work of individuals acting for the firm of Russel & Aitken. It proved impossible to arrange the papers by the individuals who generated them because there was so much overlap between individuals and partners. The papers were therefore sorted and arranged as far as possible by the properties involved and then grouped into papers relating to the various family members and trusts. Frequently, however, the individual legal papers cover more than one property and often include both above and below ground rights and transactions, so the arrangement is not straightforward.

Properties

Craigmadrig (also called Curriehill and Blackbraes).

Blackbraes, Bogo, Bridgehill, Craigmad and East & West Blackrig.

Blackbraes

Blackrigg

Bogo

Bogo farm and adjacent farms of Bridgehill and Foggermountain

Foggermountain, Bridgehill and Bogo farms Crowbank farm

Drum

Compston Farm & Almond Iron Works

Almond, Compston and Highcroft.

Almond and Compston

Milnquarter

Drumbroider

Drumbowie, Andrewsyard, Middlestrath, Sharpsbanks, Saltershill and Kilmonridge,

Fiddlecroft, Couperscroft and Rivaldsgreen,

Broomridge

Polmont - Black Bull

Falkirk - Cow Wynd Pub

Falkirk – Brockville

Falkirk - Arnotdale & Randygate

Falkirk - Robert's Wynd

Falkirk - King's Court

Falkirk - Duncanson's Close

Lodge

Bainsford & Mungal

Glasgow – Trongate

Teinds – Muiravonside

Teinds – Falkirk

Avonbridge feus

Blackrigg, Craigmad

Mineral properties

Blackbraes & Miss Wilson's moss

Crosscroes & Greyrigg

Blackloch (& Holehousemuir)

Drumbowie
Moss-side
Various leases
Gateside
Callendar coal
Avon Water Mineral Junction railway
Blackloch , Barns & Holehousemuir
Lochgelly Colliery

Disputes

Ballencrieff Pumping Arbitration
Miss Wilson's Moss
Torbanehill
Shaw's Trustees
Hardhill surface damage
Injuries to miners & employees

James Russel of Blackbraes Trust

Inventories of estate and papers related to executry
Minutes of Trustees
Investments
Russel Estate Act
Accounts
Miscellaneous papers

John Russel of Mayfield

Mayfield
Executry and Trust papers

Family papers

Executry and trust papers
Miscellaneous papers
Clydesdale Banking Co papers

Reference Code : A1808

Item list**Properties**

<i>Accession No</i>	<i>Production date</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
A1808.001	1714-1761	Titles relating to Craigmadrig (also called Curriehill and Blackbraes). Includes original Charter of Curriehill by the Earl of Callendar to Andrew Currie (snr), his spouse and sons, Dispositions of Curriehill lands and Craigmadrig by Andrew Currie (jnr) to John MacLeod, Renunciation of these lands by MacLeod to Andrew Currie (jnr), Disposition of the said lands to Patrick Nimmo and spouse and an instrument of sasine of the Craigmadrig or Blackbraes in favour of James Russel.
A1808.002	1720-1761	Papers and titles of Craigmadrigg. Includes Contract of Marriage between James Russel and Margaret Currie, daughter of Andrew Currie of Craigmadrig, Disposition of Craigmadrig by James Russel to his son, James Russel.
A1808.003	1779-1875	Titles and inventories of writs relating to Craigmadrig. Includes instrument of sasine in favour of James Russel of Blackbraes, 1779; Precept of Clare Constat by William Forbes of Callendar in favour of James Russel of Dundas Castle, 1830; and minute of consolidation of Craigmadrig lands.
A1808.004	1805-1822	Papers relating to tenancy of Craigmadrigg including tack of Craigmadrigg between James Russel and John Ferguson 1805, petitions for sequestration by Russel against Ferguson, 1818 and related correspondence.
A1808.005	1857-1927	Leases and agreements relating to tenancy of farm of Craigmadrig.
A1808.006	1864-1938	Papers regarding sale of farms and lands adjacent to Blackbraes, Bogo, Bridgehill, Craigmadrig and East & West Blackrig. Includes inventory of titles of Blackbraes and disposition in favour of Robert Gray. Also includes 1901 Memo on James Russel's farms with descriptions of each property.
A1808.007	1874-1937	Blackbraes leases. Includes leases, feu disposition and agreement relating to use of school, school teacher's house and school playground in Blackbraes by Muiravonside School Board; and leases of houses and store. Also includes plan of house at Blackbraes by T M Copland, 1937
A1808.008	1887-1938	Papers relating to churches in Blackbraes and Shieldhill. Includes feu disposition and related plans by James Russel in favour of Trustees of the Free Church at Blackbraes, Bond of Annuity to Trustees of Shieldhill & Blackbraes Established Church and discharge of bond
A1808.009	1845	Plan of Blackbraes drawn by Alexander Black
A1808.010	1920	Plan of Blackbraes as it belonged to James Russel in 1920 drawn by Callendar Estates office
A1808.011	1714-1883	Titles for Blackrig. Includes instrument of sasine of Blackridge in favour of Peter Taylor, disposition of land in

		east end of Craigmadrig by Peter Taylor to James Russel, 1787 and other related papers
A1808.012	1832-1937	Correspondence and legal papers relating mainly to purchase of Wester Blackrig by James Russel. Also includes memorandum of feudal superiority of Wester Blackrig, 1876 and plan for septic tank, 1936
A1808.013	1843	Search for incumbrances on Blackrig and related correspondence
A1808.014	1843-1859	Titles and related papers for Easter Blackrig
A1808.015	1904	Correspondence and inventories relating to claim made by R Ainslie Brown to the Superiority of Easter Blackrig
A1808.016	1780-1898	Titles, leases and related papers for farm of Bogo, acquired by James Russel in 1856. Includes inventory of title deeds for Bogobrorr, Bogoknowes and Loanend and lease for Loanend farm. Also includes report on dam on Avon at Bogo with levels after being heightened
A1808.017	1856-1918	Correspondence with James Russel from prospective tenants of Bogo farm and adjacent farms of Bridgehill and Foggermountain. Includes letter from James and John Paton making an offer as Tenants for the farm of Bogo for a period of 19 years
A1808.018	1859-1918	Titles, leases and valuations for Foggermountain, Bridgehill and Bogo farms. Includes papers relating to tenant farmer Matthew Gray and to dispute with R G Balderston, and draft advertisement for proposed sale of properties in 1904 and articles of roup of Bogo, Bridgehill and Righhead and Toppylands, 1918. Also includes lease between John Russel & Henry Taylor for Crowbank farm
A1808.019	1860-1901	Leases, inventory of writs and title deeds and correspondence relating to Drum farm. Includes Precognitions in Action of Breach of Interdict about miners trespassing on Drum farm (Russel vs Muirhead).
A1808.020	1750-1874	Leases, legal papers and plans relating to Compston Farm showing progression of title. Includes contracts of marriage between John Dick & Ann Pettigrew and between John Dick & Janet Marshall and copy charters.
A1808.021	1883-1896	Leases, correspondence and legal papers relating to Almond, Compston and Highcroft. Includes Articles of Roup of Almond Iron Works and Farm of Compston, Plan of Compston, property of the late Miss Dick's heirs (2 copies) and plan for Ordnance Survey showing Compston
A1808.022	1898-1921	Papers mainly relating to Almond and Compston. Includes inventories of title deeds, rentals, leases and report on repairs to houses. Also includes draft advertisement and inventory of titles for articles of roup of lands of Almond Iron Works, Almond, Bogo, Bridgehill, Foggermountain, Loanend, Drumbroider, Rigghead & Toppylands and South Drum
A1808.023	1863-1883	Papers relating to Almond Iron Works. Includes Almond Iron Works Rent Statements, cash accounts and salary payments, agreement between the North British Railway Company and the Trustees of James Russel allowing the firm, James Russel & Son, to use some locomotives and

A1808.024	1885-1890	<p>wagons belonging to the North British Railway Company to convey bricks, hewing stone, limestone, tiles etc to and from the Almond Iron Works and the different pits over any part of the North British Railway System for certain rates, Authority and Consent by James Russel of Dundas to Trustees of the late James Russel to sell Almond Iron Works (which was consequently not used). Papers relating to Almond Iron Works. Includes Check Roup Roll of Almond Iron Works Plant, Inventory of Machinery Plant at Almond Iron Works referred to in Articles of Roup of Almond Iron Works, correspondence between Messrs Romanes & Simson WS and Mr Alexander Russell, Iron Merchant in Coatbridge, about Almond Iron Works sale and catalogue of extensive sale of blast furnace plant and machinery, blast furnaces etc at Almond Iron Works on 29 & 30 August 1889.</p>
A1808.025	1838-1893	<p>Agreements, correspondence and related papers, mainly with Slamannan Railway Co and Monklands Railway Co concerning lands of Compston and Almond. Includes plan and correspondence between Russel & Aitken and Messrs Mitchell, Allardice and Mitchell about the right of the firm, James Russel & Son, to use a road going through the property of the Monkland Railway Company to the public road, copy description from Disposition by the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Company in favour of James Russel & Son of land near Slamannan Junction Railway, Feu Disposition of part of the lands of Causewayend by Isaac Bayley to the Slamannan Railway Company.</p>
A1808.026	1897	<p>Annotated OS map of Almond, Vellore and Parkhall (2nd edition, 1897, Sheet XXXI.10, scale 1:2500) showing area of ground acquired from Almond Iron Works by North British Railway Co as part of Almond Junction</p>
A1808.027	1850-1876	<p>Disposition by James Russel in favour of the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co, related Plan of the Shieldhill Branch Railway of the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway of ground going through Blackbraes and letter concerning disposition. Also includes disposition by Trustees of James Russel to the North British Railway Co for land at Blackbraes for railway extension.</p>
A1808.028	1860-1900	<p>Leases, dispositions, feu contracts and legal papers relating to Milnquarter.</p>
A1808.029	1905-1937	<p>Leases, valuation and papers on Milnquarter. Includes copy correspondence about laying water pipe in private road at Milnquarter with plan showing wayleave to be acquired.</p>
A1808.030	1934-1940	<p>Correspondence file mostly concerning Milnquarter Farm. Includes letters about James Russel's sale of acres at Seabegs, Bonnybridge for the purpose of a playing field and then instead for a new housing scheme and also letters about Milnquarter and Alexander Harvie.</p>
A1808.031	1860	<p>Search for incumbrances on Milnquarter, various tenements of land in Falkirk on the High St, Back Row, Forganhall, Kirk Wynd, White's Close, and other areas in</p>

A1800.006/01	1737-1860	<p>Falkirk town centre</p> <p>Legal papers relating to progression of title of the lands of Milnquarter, Seabegs, and other property in the town of Falkirk. Includes Instrument of sasine for lands of Milnquarter, Seabegs, 1737. Feu charter in favour of Charles Grindlay and Feu contract, 1737. Disposition & Instrument of Sasine, Charles Grinley to George Bartholemew, 1768. Charter of Confirmation, John Pringle in favour of George Bartholemew of lands of Milnquarter, 1777. Disposition, George Bartholemew to John Heugh of Gartcows of lands of Milnquarter with Instrument of Sasine and inventory of progress of writs, 1793. Charter of Confirmation, Harry Davidson in favour of John Heugh of Gartcows of lands of Milnquarter, 1805. Precept of Clare Constat, George Dundas in favour of Thomas Heugh, of lands of Milnquarter, 1827. Instrument of Sasine in favour of Thomas Heugh, 1827. Disposition, Janet Gardiner to John Gardiner of lands of Milnquarter, 1832. Instrument of Sasine Janet Gardiner to John Gardiner of lands of Milnquarter, 1832. Minute of sale between Thomas Heugh of Gartcows and John Gardiner, baker in Falkirk of lands of Milnquarter, 1832. Disposition, Thomas Heugh to Janet Gardiner, 1832. Instrument of Sasine in favour of Janet Gardiner, 1832. Instrument of Sasine in favour of Janet Gardiner of lands of Milnquarter with Certified copy of instrument of sasine, 1851. Certified Excerpt from extract Decree of Special Service in favour of John Clark and Mrs Jane Walker of Thomson, 1860. Search for Incumbrances affecting subjects in the parish of Falkirk including lands of Milnquarter and various tenements and houses in the town of Falkirk, 1860. Articles of Roup of lands of Milnquarter and various tenements and houses in the town of Falkirk, property of the heirs of the late Janet Gardiner, 1860 and other papers.</p>
A1800.006/02	1887-1931	<p>Legal papers, plans and correspondence relating to fireclay workings at Milnquarter. Includes Agreement, North British Railway Co & John Gilchrist Stein, to construct railway siding, 1887, with related conveyances, agreements, lien, lease and decrees, 1887. Lease, James Russel to John Gilchrist Stein of fireclay and other mineral rights at Milnquarter, 1899. Lease, James Russel to Thomas Aitken of Milnquarter Farm, 1904. Report of encroachment of fireclay seam under lands of Milnquarter, 1908. Specification of work for building a Dam in the fireclay workings at Milnquarter, 1910. Report on the operations of John G Stein & Co at Milnquarter for renewal of lease, 1918. lease, James Russel to Alexander Harvie of Milnquarter farm, 1931. Minute of sale of lands of Milnquarter, to John G Stein & Co, 1931. Plan showing land to be acquired by Caledonian railway Co from James Russel, 1884 (fragile). Plan of Milnquarter Fireclay Workings, 1894. Plan of Milnquarter Fireclay Workings, 1910. Plan of Milnquarter, 1911. Other papers.</p>
A1800.006/03	1884-1932	<p>Correspondence relating to Milnquarter, mainly concerning</p>

		the mining of fireclay, arrangements to avoid flooding in the mine, negotiations over leases and rentals and other related matters.
A1808.032	1748-1891	Titles for Drumbroider and related leases and correspondence. Includes missive of Let of Drumbroider, Disposition of parts of the lands of the Muir of Muiravonside by William Morrison to William Kerr and Spouse, Precept of Clare Constat of land of Ballinbreich called Shaemuir and Easter Ballinbreich as well as part of the Muir of Muiravonside and lands of Hillhead and Scheillrigg all lying within the old Barony of Haining (later called the Barony of Callander) by William Forbes of Callander in favour of William Calder of Redford, offer made by Robert Logan to sell a part of the Muir of Muiravonside to James Russel and the latter's acceptance of this offer. Also includes lease between James Russel and William Ritchie of land at Bridgehill, Muiravonside.
A1808.033	1791-1906	Titles relating to Drumbowie, Andrewsynd, Middlestrath, Sharpsbanks, Saltershill and Kilmonridge, Fiddlescroft, Couperscroft and Rivaldsgreen, in the Barony of Ogilface. Includes disposition by Charles Grey in favour of James Grey, Instrument of Sasine in favour of James Russel, Notarial Instrument in favour of the Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes, Contract of Excambion for lands of Drumbowie between David Carrick Robert Carrick Buchanan and James Russel of Blackbraes and plan of lands in the Counties of Linlithgow and Stirling, property of DCR Carrick Buchanan.
A1808.034	1867-1915	Leases of lands in Broomridge in Denny.
A1808.035	1870	Leases of the Black Bull Inn in Polmont and row of one storey houses to the south of the Public House in Polmont between John Russel & James Aitken and John Newbigging
A1808.036	1882-1887	Lease, terms of let and letter concerning Public House in Cow Wynd and houses in Cow Wynd and Bean Row, by John Russel & James Aitken of Darroch to Rachel White
A1808.037	1849-1921	Papers relating to Brockville Park, acquired by James Russel from Mrs Isabella Sword's Trustees by 1893, and related leases, agreements with North British Railway and Falkirk Football Club. Includes inventory of writs of Brockville Park sent on loan by Russel & Aitken to William Stevenson, Solicitor in Falkirk, Offer by Stevenson on behalf of the Directors of the Falkirk Football and Athletic Club Ltd to purchase Brockville Park, lease of Brockville Park between James Russel and William Carmichael and others on behalf of the Falkirk Football Club, North British Railway plan of proposed Excambion at Grahamston and Disposition of land in Westlands used by the Stirlingshire Midland Junction Railway by the Trustees of Mrs Sword in favour of the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co.
A1808.038	1838-1853	Papers regarding Excambion of Subjects at Arnotdale and Three Acres at Randygate. Includes Petition for

		William Forbes & James Russel I of Russel & Aitken about property proposed to be excambed, receipts of Arnotdale stipend & feu duty, Disposition of land at Arnotdale by James Russel in favour of the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co, correspondence between William Forbes & James Russel, inventory of writs of three acres of land in Randygate belonging to James Russel.
A1808.039	1866-1877	Leases of Arnotdale, with inventory of contents of Arnotdale. Includes draft terms of lease to Mr Higginbottom, Glasgow, with condition to keep not less than three gardeners
A1808.040	1883	Writs relating to sale of Arnotdale by James Russel of Dundas Castle to James Ross. Includes Terms of Sale of Arnotdale, Disposition of Arnotdale by James Russel to James Ross and Certificate of Postage of Notice of Change of Ownership by James Aitken. Also includes a summons of Declarator & Adjudication between Trustees & Executors of the late James Russel of Blackbraes, Pursuers & Peter Nimmo & others, Defenders.
A1808.041	1844-1850	Correspondence on various properties, mainly relating to excambion of subjects at Arnotdale and three acres at Randygate. Includes Account of Expenses in Excambion of coal of lands such as Craigend belonging to William Forbes of Callander for lands of Snabhead belonging to James Russel snr of Russel & Aitken, Memorandum of Arrangements between C Learmonth of Craigend & James Russel, Report and Value of the minerals at Craigend and Blackbraes, and accounts and correspondence about feu duties.
A1808.042	1899-1919	Leases of Temperance Hotel in Robert's Wynd between James Russel and John Wilson Munro and Public House in Robert's Wynd between James Russel and various tenants including Margaret Borland, George Watson Kerr, Walter Sim and John Scobbie; and offer by James Clarkson
A1808.043	1899-1918	Leases of property in Falkirk High St and surrounding area between James Russel and various tenants including Robert Gordon Drummond, James Clarkson and Ellis Edwards
A1808.044	1953	Missive of Let of subjects in Kings Court (rooms next to Bean Row known as the Unionist Rooms and used latterly as storage rooms for Russel & Aitken) by Russel & Aitken in favour of Stirling, Falkirk & Grangemouth Unionist Association.
A1808.045	1797-1837	Papers regarding superiority of 2 tenements of houses in Duncansons Close purchased by James Russel snr of Russel & Aitken from Robert Buchanan. Includes Charter of Confirmation & Precept of Clare Constat of high tenement and two merchant booths by William Forbes of Callander to Robert Buchanan, inventory of the progress of writs of interalia the superiority of those two tenements in Duncansons Close purchased by James Russel and memorandum as to superiority of property and correspondence about the same.

A1808.046	1821-1863	Vouchers relating to lands of Lodge (which was at one time owned by the Inglis family), offer to lease Lodge and Newfield-dyke, and Minute of Agreement between James Russel and Henry Aitken of Darroch and Thomas Watt over forming a branch from the Slamannan Railway through their lands of Lodge and his lands of Roughrig to the lands of Todshoughts
A1808.047	1861-1871	Papers regarding property in Bainsford and Mungal. Includes Lease of field in Bainsford between Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes & Thomas King and Offer for Lease by Mrs Mary Dawson or Rankine and Acceptance by Russel & Aitken on behalf of the Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes Trust and leases with Peter Muirhead
A1808.048	1810-1875	Papers relating to Glasgow Trongate property. Includes inventory of titles of Trongate property, Notice by the Trustees under the Glasgow Improvements Act 1866 to James Curle & others of intention to present a petition to the Sheriff to summon a special jury and correspondence relative to sale of Trongate property.
A1808.049	1820-1836	Papers concerning Locality of Muiravonside. Includes State of Teinds of Muiravonside Parish, Note of Mr Russel's valuation in the County of Stirling & Decreet of Valuation of Teinds at the instance of James Russel of Blackbraes against Officers of State.
A1808.050	1859-1881	Papers showing state of Teinds & heritable rights to them. Includes locality of Falkirk excerpt from Drafts of State of Teinds for Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes and Locality of the Stipend of the Parish of Muiravonside.
A1808.051	1892	Sketches of Feus at Avonbridge feued by Mr Russel. Includes sketch of ground at Mountholy, Avonbridge.
A1808.052	1828-1857	Correspondence on various properties mostly about Blackrig. Includes a letter to James Russel of Russel & Aitken from Finlay about sale of Blackrig, letter to John Shanks from James Russel about Shank's removal from Craigmad farm and letters to Forbes from James Russel concerning Forbes' claim to coal in Blackbraes. Also includes memoranda about Blackrig, Curriehill and Blackbraes lands.

Mineral Properties

A1808.053	1890-1917	Leases, agreements, correspondence and other papers relating to coal and minerals in Blackbraes and Miss Wilson's Moss. Includes 1892 plan of Blackbraes splint coal workings, memorandum of agreement about construction of Bowhouse branch railway extension (North British Railway Company), bore journal of No.1 Bore in N.E corner of Meadowbank, Crosscroes and bore notes on Nos 2 & 3 bores. Also includes letter, 1831
A1808.054	1922-1944	Leases, agreements and other papers relating to coal in

		Blackbraes and Miss Wilson's Moss. Includes lease of Coxrod and mid-splint coal in part of Blackbraes between James Russel and Carron Company, and correspondence between Robert T Moore, Civil & Mining Engineer and Russel & Aitken and between John C Brodie & Sons WS and Russel & Aitken about Blackbraes minerals and encroachments.
A1808.055	1890	Papers relating to sale of Colliery Plant at Blackbraes Colliery near Avonbridge Station. Includes Catalogue of sale and roup roll of sale of Colliery Plant.
A1808.056	1900-1903	Legal papers regarding a dispute over encroachment from Blackbraes into Crosscroes during the 1850s, a claim made by Carron Company against James Russel of Blackbraes. Includes copy correspondence between John C Brodie & Sons and Russel & Aitken about the encroachment, Discharge of money and all claims by Carron Company to the Trustees of the late James Russel of Blackbraes and others and Memorial for the Opinion of Counsel as to alleged encroachment by proprietors of Blackbraes on Diamond Seam of Coal in adjoining lands of Crosscroes.
A1808.057	1901-1903	Correspondence and legal papers concerning disputes over alleged encroachments from coal workings in Blackbraes into neighbouring lands, including Crosscroes and Greyrigg
A1808.058	1902-1903	Papers concerning encroachments from Blackbraes into neighbouring lands including to the alleged encroachment on W Forbes land from Greyrigg into Crosscroes
A1808.059	Circa 1900	Plans showing encroachment in Coxrod coal between Crosscroes and Blackbraes. Also includes plan of East Roughrigg Colliery No 1 Pit showing workings in main coal in Blackbraes (undated)
A1808.060	1905-1915	Papers relating to Blackbraes Minerals. Includes minutes of agreement between James Russel of Dundas Castle and Robert Forrester & Company Ltd concerning lease of lands of Blackbraes, correspondence concerning Carron Company's wish to work coal in Blackbraes, memorandum with regard to Blackbraes minerals and a Carron Company plan showing splint coal faces worked from Blackbraes Colliery.
A1808.061	1937-1942	Correspondence file about minerals in James Russel's land containing letters to Russel & Aitken from various solicitors, Report on claim: James Russel of Blackbraes against Messrs Robert Forrester & Co Ltd for damages on Blackbraes Farm, Craigmad, and Easter and Wester Blackrig Farms.
A1808.062	1881-1889	Papers regarding water ingress at Blackloch minerals and negotiations over responsibilities involving various mineral proprietors. Includes plan of Blackloch and Holehousemuir splint coal workings, plan of the Longrigg and Lochend Collieries, minute of meeting about Blackloch workings, report about Blackloch and Disposition of seam of splint coal in lands of Blackloch by

- the Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes and the Trustees of Henry Aitken of Darroch in favour of Messrs James Nimmo & Company.
- A1808.063 1894-1944 Papers concerning superiorities of Drumbowie Minerals. Includes Notice of Title as to superiority and minerals of Drumbowie on behalf of the Trustees of James Russel of Dundas Castle, plan of the property of Gowanbank, Disposition of one half pro indiviso of Linlithgowshire superiorities and minerals (lands in Drumbowie, all the lands called Drumbowie burn, parts of Andrewsyards, Middlestrath, part of Sharpsbanks, and Salterhill, Kilmanridge, Fiddlescroft, Couparscroft & Rivaldsgreen) by the Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes Trust in favour of James Russel of Dundas, and memo as to boundaries of Drumbowie.
- A1808.064 1760-1939 Titles relating to Moss-side Minerals. Includes Disposition of 5 roads of Moss by Mr John MacLeod to John Taylor, Precept of Clare Constat by James Horne in favour of John Taylor as heir of John Taylor, his Uncle, in that part of the Muir of Muiravonside called Wainrigg, Instrument of Sasine of minerals in Moss-side in favor of James Russel of Blackbraes, lease of coal in Moss-side between James Russel of Dundas and Robert Forrester & others, minute of agreement between William Cowen and Robert Forrester & Company Ltd allowing Robert Forrester & Co to work the coal and ironstone in Moss-side, and correspondence and plan relating to claim by Robert Waddell and James Russel of Dundas Castle that minerals in a particular strip belong to them.
- A1808.065 1901-1942 Leases of mineral rights and properties. Includes leases with Greyrigg Coal Co for use of Garibaldi Pit and collier houses, and wayleave for use of private railway, with Banknock Coal Co for working lands in Broomridge, with Avonbridge Coal Co for coal in North Bankhead, Righhead & Toppylands, with Robert Forrester & Co for coal in Crossrig or Greencraig, and sale of surface dross from Craigmad, Blackbraes Easter & Wester Blackrig, and Milnquarter notice of title of Milnquarter minerals. lease of the farm and lands of Crowbank or Croybank in the Parish of Cumbernauld between John Russel & Henry Taylor. Also includes correspondence on Crossrig, 1825-1827
- A1808.066 1861-1866 Correspondence regarding leasing of Greyrig minerals. Includes letter to Russel & Aitken from Geddes & Landale and letters to William Forbes of Callendar from James Russel & Son.
- A1808.067 1846-1862, 1891 Papers relating to Gateside. Includes offer by James Russel of Blackbraes to Walter Duncan for Lease of coal and ironstone and acceptance of Lease, journal of Bores at Gateside, James Russel & Son account to J & W Henderson for Boring at Gateside, Lease of coals in Muiravonside between William Forbes of Callendar and Messrs James Russel & Son. Also includes North Bankhead bores, 1891

A1808.068	1828-1844	Leases, tacks and plans relating to Callendar coal, mainly from William Forbes and John Wilson. Also includes tack of Banknock coal and agreement between Russel & Aitken for Greenshillford coal.
A1808.069	1834-1892	Papers relating to coal leases by and to James Russel and Henry Aitken of Darroch and Trustees of Henry Aitken of Darroch Trust including minerals in the estate of Callendar bounded on the north by the Glenburn and minerals in Greencraig, and papers relating to Bantaskine and coalfield adjoining Standrig Colliery. Also includes miscellaneous correspondence relating to coal
A1808.070	1845	Papers relating to Avon-Water Mineral Junction Railway. Correspondence between James Russel and W Johnston, WS, Bathgate with printed notice and pencil sketch plan. (James Russel intended purchase of shares in this venture).
A1808.071	1794-1890	Papers relating to Blackloch, Barns and Holehouse within which were the minerals (and the fishings in the Blackloch) owned by James Russel and Henry Aitken, and the residue of which was owned by T.A Ross and G. R. Nimmo. Includes coal plans for Barns and Blackloch, inventory of writs for Barns and Holehouse, bore journals for Barns and correspondence about the undermining of Limerigg School at Blackloch with pen sketches of school and the schoolmaster's house.
A1808.072	1819-1848	Papers re Barns and Holehouse (particularly to its sale in 1818) within which were the minerals owned by James Russel and Henry Aitken, and the residue of which was owned by T.A Ross and G. R. Nimmo. Includes State Process of Proving Tenor and related Decreet and minutes of agreement.
A1808.073	1854-1878	Correspondence regarding Lochgelly Iron & Coal Co. Includes letters about Little Raith encroachment and the water supply to Cowdenbeath and a plan of part of Little Raith with the workings in the Lochgelly Splint coal.
A1808.074	1847-1862	Papers relating to Lochgelly Iron & Coal Co. Includes Consent by the Earl of Mints to Assignment of Lease of Lochgelly minerals, Lease of these minerals by the Earl to Thomas Grainger, John Miller & John Henderson, Minute of Agreement, regarding Foulford, between the Trustees of the late Thomas Grainger and Messrs Robert William Kennard and James Russel, State of Debt due by Lochgelly Iron Co to the Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes Trust.
A1808.075	1862-1877	Papers relating to Lochgelly Iron & Coal Co. Includes memorandum to enable Messrs Geddes & Landale to value the Iron Works in the Trust of James Russel & Son. Lease of minerals in Foulford between Mrs Eliza Curle or Russel & others and Archibald Vincent Smith, Particulars of the Estate of Foulford and plan of the lands of Foulford referred to in Minute of Lease dated 9/1/1845.
A1808.076	1874-1877	Papers relating to Lochgelly Iron & Coal Co. Includes certificates of pension payments to retired workers and

		widows of workers killed at Lochgelly Iron & Coal Co, letters from Mr Landale & Reverend Patrick McGregor about building of church, and a list of Lochgelly pensioners.
A1808.077	1874-1885	Pensions Account Book providing a list of Lochgelly Iron & Coal Co & Cowdenbeath pensioners, widows of workers killed there and the amount they are receiving for their pension. Also contains related items of correspondence and pension payment certificates.
A1808.078	1885-1897	Pensions Account Book providing a list of Lochgelly Iron & Coal Co & Cowdenbeath pensioners, widows of workers killed there and the amount they are receiving for their pension. Also includes related items of correspondence, and pension payment certificates.
A1800.004/01	1862-1874	Loose bore journals for investigations in Fife. Includes No1 bore, Easter Finglassie & No 2 bore Wester Finglassie; Foulford to Lochgelly splint; No 9 Gateside bore; Glen Craig bore; Kininmouth bore; Lochgelly Climie Plantation; Lochgelly Colliery; Lochore, lochgelly; Lochty Place steading; Little Raith Colliery & Wellwood Colliery
A1800.004/02	1841-1883	Loose bore journals for investigations in Stirlingshire. Includes Avonfield; Airth; Westfield, Airth; Bantaskin; Blackbraes; Bonnyfield; Denny; Denny & Banton; Grangemouth; Goukstone; Gartshore Estate; Letham; Plean; East Plean; Sauchirigg, Seabegs; Spittal. Also includes printed Report and Valuations of coal fields and colliery fittings at Middlerig, Standrig, Summerhouse, gateside and Shankhead belonging to John Johnstone of Blair Lodge, 1841.
A1800.004/03	1859-1885	Loose bore journals for investigations in Stirlingshire. Includes mainly various bores at Stenhouse; plan & diagram of bores by Carron Co Engineer; Temple & Coneypark; Windy-yetts.
A1800.004/04	1860s-1870s	Loose bore journals for investigations in Lanarkshire, Clackmannanshire and Mid Lothian. Includes Alloa; Braes-o-yetts, Kirkintilloch; Spirestack (sections diagrams): Harthill; Greyrigg; Dalkeith; Gilmerton; Blaefaulds
A1800.004/05	1860-1900	Loose bore journals for investigations in West Lothian. Includes Bathgate; Boghead; West Mains, Torbanehill; Bridge Castle, Bridge House; Loggiebrassy; Millquarter; Wallhouse Estate.

Disputes and Litigation

A1808.079	1851-1875	Papers regarding Ballencrieff Pumping Arbitration. Includes Tack leasing all the seams of coal and seams or bands of ironstone, iron ore, limestone and fireclay in the lands of Boghead and Fallside in the Parish of Bathgate and County of Linlithgow.
A1808.080	1875	Papers regarding Ballencrieff Pumping Arbitration. Includes Submission between James Russel & Son and the Monkland Iron & Coal Co Ltd & others, affidavit &

- claim for James Russel & Son on the Estate of James Watson & Sons, correspondence relating to James Russel's Trust, Agreement between James Russel & Son and others in regard to Ballencrieff pumping arbitration
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| A1808.081 | 1865 | Papers regarding Action of Declarator about Miss Wilson's Moss and Craigmad Moss - Russel's Trustees v Dallas Marshall & others. Includes Summons of Declarator and Removing, Mrs Eliza Curle or Russel against Mrs Amelia Kidston or Dallas Marshall, requiring that the defenders remove from the lands of Miss Wilson's Moss; and interim report of pursuers proof and related plans, including sketch showing effect of proposal made on behalf of the Duke of Hamilton. |
| A1808.082 | 1831-1846 | Papers regarding Action of Declarator about Miss Wilson's Moss and Craigmad Moss - Russel's Trustees v Dallas Marshall & others. Includes inventory of title deeds belonging to Miss Katherine Wilson of Greenknow. |
| A1808.083 | 1832-1865 | Correspondence and papers regarding Action of Declarator about Miss Wilson's Moss and Craigmad Moss - Russel's Trustees v Dallas Marshall & others. Includes correspondence between Paterson & Romanes and Russel & Aitken relating to The Trustees of the James Russel of Blackbraes Trust v Dallas Marshall & others. |
| A1808.084 | 1831-1864 | Papers regarding Action of Declarator about Miss Wilson's Moss and Craigmad Moss - Russel's Trustees v Dallas Marshall & others. Includes progress of title and agreements between Miss Katherine Wilson and John Liddle; and memorial on Mrs Eliza Curle or Russel's ownership of Miss Wilson's Moss. |
| A1808.085 | 1865 | Papers regarding Action of Declarator about Miss Wilson's Moss and Craigmad Moss - Russel's Trustees v Dallas Marshall and others. Includes Inventory of titles of Standrig or Standridge, extract of registered agreement between James Russel of Dundas Castle and Mrs Ralston Peddie Waddell & Alex Peddie Waddell as to a line of division between the lands of Elrig and Miss Wilson's Moss, Minute of Agreement between Trustees of Duke of Hamilton and Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes as to boundary between lands, Discharge by Thomas Marshall in favour of Miss Katherine Wilson and others of summons of Declarator & Damages against her and others and Disposition of lands of Greenknow and Nether Gillandersland & others by Robert Warden to Miss Katherine Wilson. |
| A1808.086 | 1865-1880 | Papers regarding Action of Declarator about Miss Wilson's Moss and Craigmad Moss - Russel's Trustees v Dallas Marshall and others. |
| A1808.087 | 1853 | Printed Report on the jury trial, Gillespie v James Russel & Son, coalmasters, Blackbraes; Torbanehill coal gas. Includes summary of case, which was a dispute over a 25 year lease granted by Mr & Mrs Gillespie of |

		Torbanehill to James Russel & Son in 1850, and then challenged under Action of Declarator by the Gillespies in 1852, alleging that the mineral being extracted was not coal.
A1808.088	1868-1876	Papers relating to Torbanehill dispute between Russel's Trustees and Gillespie, including discharge by Mrs Gillespie of 1876
A1808.089	1850-1877	Papers relating to Torbanehill litigation between James Russel & Son and Gillespie as to alleged encroachment and surface damage caused by James Russel & Son. Includes Instrument of Sasine in favour of James Russel of Blackbraes & James Russel of Dundas as Trustees for the James Russel & Son, Missive of Lease of minerals in the lands of Inch & Torbane between James Fleming of Crays and Messrs James Russel & Son, 1850, (1861 copy), Agreement between Mr & Mrs Gillespie and James Russel & Son, 1860, and plan of Torbanehill Estate showing surface damages.
A1808.090	1871-1890	Papers relating to Torbanehill Litigation between James Russel & Son and Gillespie as to encroachment and surface damage caused by James Russel & Son. Includes Precognitions of James Alexander (Nursery & Seedsman), correspondence about damage and encroachments relating to Mr Durham's Curatory, Disposition of part of Easter Blackrig by James Russel in favour of Trustees for the North British Railway Co for the purpose of a railway to Crosscroes and Submission in Torbanehill surface damages case.
A1808.091	1850-1877	Papers relating to Torbanehill Litigation between James Russel & Son and Gillespie as to encroachment and surface damage caused by James Russel & Son. Includes printed missives of agreement, 1850, compromise agreement, 1860, Court of Session record, Russel & Son against Mrs Elizabeth Honyman or Gillespie of Torbanehill, 1867
A1800.004/06	1862	Printed Report of the Jury Trial, Mr & Mrs Gillespie of Torbanehill v Messrs James Russel & Son, Coalmasters, Falkirk. Dispute over mineral rights, 1853-1859.
A1800.004/07	1850s	Printed appendix to the cases for Russel & Son and James Russel in appeal to House of Lords
A1800.004/08	1 Apr 1850	Printed Missives of Agreement between Gillespie and Russel & Son, coalmasters, for lease of minerals at Torbanehill
A1800.004/09	c 1880	Printed papers relating to mineral law case, Clippens Oils Co Ltd & William Young v Norman Mcfarlane Henderson & William Kennedy. Appeal from Court of Session to House of Lords
A1800.004/10	1873-1880	Newspaper cuttings and printed papers relating to mining and minerals.
A1808.092	1869	Papers regarding a court of session case - Robert Waugh & others (Shaw's Trustees) v James Russel & Son & others about payments for lordships. Includes proof for the parties in Action at the instance of Robert Waugh, Farmer in Middlerigg & others, pursuers against

		James Russel & Son & others, Defenders, precognition of Henry Aitken (manager of James Russel & Son Coal & Iron Works) and reclaiming note for Shaw's Trustees against Lord Jeniswoode's Interlocutor. Relates to shortage of wagons for transport to ports.
A1808.093	1859-1869	Papers concerning McKinlay v James Russel & Son case about surface damage at Hardhill (Hopetoun). Includes claim for surface damages to crop by William McKinlay, Farmer, Hardhill, Bathgate, Minute of Reference between James Russel & Son and William McKinlay, plans showing areas of the surface damage by mineral workings in Hardhill Farm Crop 1862, correspondence relating to the case, Report as to the amount of compensation due to McKinlay by James Russel & Son and notes by the Overman in the Submission as to sums due to McKinlay.
A1808.094	1865-1872	Precognitions and discharges relating to personal injuries to miners in the employment of James Russel & Sons
A1808.095	1868	Papers concerning James Russel & Son employee named Charles Hodge and a case against him relating to his actions as a watchman at Hopetoun Pit when he used a dog to prevent children stealing coal from piles and it consequently attacking them. Includes precognitions in assault case of Charles Hodge, Notes of evidence against Hodge, and Remarks, Judgement & Sentence of Hodge.
A1808.096	1870-1871	Papers regarding Collier, Archibald Forsyth, who was injured at Blackbraes against James Russel & Son. Includes Precognitions in connection with accident to Archibald Forsyth, Collier in employment of James Russel & Son, Dr Moffat's statement, letter about the employment of a Bottomer and papers relating to a similar case - Edgare v Law & Brand where a worker was killed.
A1808.097	1872	Precognitions re accident of James McLay, enginekeeper, Shieldhill, at No 3 Pit Drumbroider on 12 Feb 1872; and discharge by James Mclay to James Russel & Son. Includes details of wages and working conditions
A1808.098	1881	Precognitions in case, James Mulloy v James Russel & Son concerning accident in No 10 Pit, Boghead. Includes details of working practices in pits
A1808.099	1868	List of documents submitted to auditor with business account for 1868, including precognitions about accident where two men were killed at Blackbraes, 1867; Sequestration of James Meek, draper & clothier, 1868 at instance of James Russel & Son; Memorial as to loss caused by failure to supply railway wagons for transport of coal to Russel & Son on the part of the Railway Co.

James Russel of Blackbraes Trust

A1808.100	1868-1880	Papers regarding James Russel & Son and Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes litigation suits. Includes account or claim by Robert Lawson, Miner against James Russel & Son, Summons - James Russel & Son against Forsyth & Roberts and letters from Russel & Aitken to Messrs Gillies Bros relating to payment due.
A1808.101	1859	Papers following the death of James Russel snr. Includes Notes of all Sasines in lands and other heritages in the Shire of Stirling, Memo to complete the title of James Russel to the Heritable properties falling and belonging to him and Inventory of his personal estate. Also includes Discharge, renunciation and assignation by Henry and Margaret (Russel) Aitken of Darroch to James Russel of Blackbraes.
A1808.102	1860-1863	Papers relating to estate of James Russel of Blackbraes. Includes memorandum as to the heritable & moveable estate of James Russel of Blackbraes, List of furniture at Arnotdale belonging to Trustees, Certificate of James Russel's death, Inventory & Valuation of the whole household furniture, books, silver plate, pictures and other effects at Arnotdale, correspondence between James Russel & Son and Messrs Sands WS with regard to a trial Lease with Mr Blair of Avontown of his minerals in Carriber and Debts due by the late James Russel.
A1808.103	1861-1864	James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust - Minutes of Trustees. Also includes minutes of agreements
A1808.104	1864-1865	James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust - Minutes of Trustees. Includes list of minutes forwarded to Messrs Russel & Aitken for the approval and signature of Captain Russell, Greenock.
A1808.105	1883-1884	James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust - Minutes of Trustees.
A1808.106	1903-1929	Sederunt book - James Russel (of Blackbraes) Trust papers Vol 6. Includes abstracts of accounts of Trustees, state of intromissions of trustees with residue of estate, accounts of charge and discharge of the intromissions of factors for trustees and minutes of agreements of Trustees.
A1808.107	1866-1880	Lists of Investments in Bonds, Stocks of Public Companies held by the Trustees at 31 December 1866, 1867, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1880.
A1808.108	1871-1872	Papers relating to Russel Estate Act which authorised Trustees of the James Russel of Blackbraes Trust to purchase heritable property. Includes Petition for Bill, Abstract of heritable & moveable estate of late James Russel of Blackbrae and Precognitions of witnesses including John Russel & James Aitken.
A1808.109	1872	Papers relating to Russel Estate Act which authorised Trustees of the James Russel of Blackbraes Trust to purchase heritable property. Includes Lord Redesdale's Observations as to an Act concerning MacKechnie's estate, Articles from the Edinburgh Gazette about proposed Bill, abstract of mineral Leases prepared with reference to Russel's Estate Bill, Memorandum to enable the Solicitor General to revise the Act, conclusions of

		Judges Report, Russel's Estate Act as altered by Judges, and other amendments to the Act..
A1808.110	1872	Russel Estate Act with draft notes on need for act.
A1808.111	1874	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken.
A1808.112	1874-1875, , 1879	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken.
A1808.113	1876	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken.
A1808.114	1877	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken.
A1808.115	1878	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken.
A1808.116	1879	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken.
A1808.117	1880	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken.
A1808.118	1882	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken.
A1808.119	1862-1883	Accounts of Trustees of James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust to Russel & Aitken. Includes cash accounts, accounts current, for miscellaneous items such as Arnotdale rent, travel expenses and advertising.
A1808.120	1881	Note of Account by Russel & Aitken to Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes Trust with reference to the sale of land of Kiminmonth and rents collected payable by the Trustees.
A1808.121	1883	Note of Account sent to Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes Trust in connection with proposed sale of Ballachulish.
A1808.122	Dec 1863- Dec 1866	James Russel of Blackbraes Trust - Monthly Reports by an accountant providing information on accounts, bills, abstract of cash book, balance, stocks and any investments made by the Trustees. Also including a Quarterly Balance Account for Blackbraes Colliery and List of Investments in Bonds - Stocks of public companies and others held by the Trustees. The following months are missing from the reports: January, March, April, June, August, September, October, November 1864; March, April 1865; and April 1866.
A1808.123	Jan 1867- Dec 1869	James Russel of Blackbraes Trust - Monthly Reports by an accountant providing information on accounts, bills, abstract of cash book, balance, stocks and any investments made by the Trustees. The following months are missing from the reports: February 1867; May, October 1868; and February, April 1869.
A1808.124	Jan 1870- Dec 1872	James Russel of Blackbraes Trust - Monthly Reports by an accountant providing information on accounts, bills, abstract of cash book, balance, stocks and any investments made by the Trustees. The following months are missing from the reports: February 1871.
A1808.125	Jan 1873- Sep 1875	James Russel of Blackbraes Trust - Monthly Reports by an accountant providing information on accounts, bills, abstract of cash book, balance, stocks and any

A1808.126	Feb 1876- Nov 1877	investments made by the Trustees. The following months are missing from the reports: January - August and October - December 1875.
A1808.127	Jan 1878- Mar 1881	James Russel of Blackbraes Trust - Monthly Reports by an accountant providing information on accounts, bills, abstract of cash book, balance, stocks and any investments made by the Trustees. The following months are missing from the reports: January, June, August 1876; and March, December 1877.
A1808.128	1869-1881	James Russel of Blackbraes Trust - Monthly Reports by an accountant providing information on accounts, bills, abstract of cash book, balance, stocks and any investments made by the Trustees. Also including State of Affairs of the Trust and Views thereon founded on Memorandum by James Curle. The following months are missing from the reports: June - October & December 1878; January - November 1879; January - May, July & October - December 1880; January 1881.
A1808.128	1869-1881	James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust papers about Income Tax Appeal in memo as to appeal of James Russel & Son against Income Tax Assessment 1880-1881, Table showing profits & losses for five years from 1875, Notice of Income Tax Assessment for year commencing 6 April 1880 and ending 5 April 1881 in respect of the annual value or profits of Almond Iron Works & Boghead, Blackbraes & Drumbroider Collieries and correspondence between James Russel & Son and D.R. Vass.
A1808.129	1860	Memorials for Counsel relating to various legal issues over estate of James Russel of Blackbraes. Draft memorial notes that Russel's Trust Deed was drawn up two days before his death
A1808.130	1873-1874	James Russel (Blackbraes) Trust papers - Memorials for Counsel. Includes Memorial & Queries for Trustees of the James Russel of Blackbraes Trust for opinion of Andrew R Clark as to entries with superiors of various heritages and Queries & Opinion as to Minerals held jointly with Mr Aitken's Trustees.
A1808.131	1860-1874	Miscellaneous Papers of Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes Trust. Includes report on Mineral leases of James Russel & Son for meeting of Trustees, report on Tippetcraig Mineral Lease and the prospect of slaty blackband ironstone being found there, rentals, extract trust disposition and settlement by James Russel of Blackbraes, 1860; Memorial for Trustees on James Russel, 1865; Sketch of the Division of Drumbroider Moss, 21 Dec 1872, by Alexander Black, Surveyor; 1874 copy of 1712 Extract Submission and Decreet Arbitral between Lady Neuck and her vassals on the sub-division of the Muir of Muiravonside; Agreement 1873, Nimmo & McKillop with the Trustees on Muiravonside Muir, record of dispute with R J Balderston over price of wood, and other papers on gas, water and Bleachfield property
A1808.132	1876-1893	Miscellaneous papers relating to James Russel & Son.

		Includes correspondence between Ralph Moore and Henry Aitken about observance of 3rd General Rule of the Coal Mines Regulation Act 1872 and printed notice of Special Rules for workers of James Russel & Son; papers relating to dispute between James Russel & Son and Robert Reston Horne; discharge by James Russel to his father, 1879; Extract registered Trust Disposition by James Russel of Dundas; Memo by Henry Aitken, prior to going to Australia, on James Russel & Son's properties in Bathgate, Blackbraes & Almond; extract registered Minute of Resignation by Eliza Curle or McQueen from James Russel of Blackbraes Trust; Deed of Assumption and Conveyance by Trustees of James Russel Trust in favour of themselves and James Russel and James Curle.
A1808.133	1862	Draft agreement between William Carey and James Russel's Trustees for Carey's employment as mining manager with related bond of caution
A1808.134	1872-1874	Papers relating to appointment of De Soey & Co as agents for James Russel & Sons for coal in Switzerland

John Russel of Mayfield Trust

A1808.135	1845-1863	Papers relating to the purchase of Mayfield in Gartcows by John Russel. Includes extract from the registered Trust, Disposition and Settlement by James Aitken of Gartcows, brewer, in favour of Mrs Mary Heugh or Aitken, his wife, and others, list of title deeds showing the various tenants of Gartcows lands from 1797 onwards, and an inventory of the state of particulars connected with the lands of Gartcows.
A1808.136	1857-1867	Petition for excambion by William Forbes of Callendar and John Russel of Mayfield with related report by James Aitken and Alexander Black and plan showing Mayfield and surrounding properties
A1808.137	1855-1857	Papers relating to Mayfield Estate. Includes inventories for gardening land at Mayfield such as the laying of trees and plants and inventories of expense of House and furnishings, receipts from the Cabinetmakers, upholsterers and carpet manufacturers, and John Russel's accounts to various tradesmen with relevant correspondence.
A1808.138	1855-1858	Mayfield Receipts for Garden work. Includes receipts for flower pots, plants, seeds for growing fruit, trees, and specifications of mason work required in the construction of Mayfield House.
A1808.139	1868-1874	Miscellaneous papers relating mainly to John Russel's position as Provost. Includes Falkirk list of subscriptions in aid of the National Fund for the Relief of Necessitous Shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank and relevant correspondence, list of subscriptions for filling in and converting the burn or water course at Burnfoot into a cart road and footpath beginning at a point a few yards

		beyond the entrance to Gartcows and notice of meeting of Falkirk Charity School
A1808.140	1876-1877	Correspondence with Provost John Russel about the site of Battle of Falkirk 1298. Also includes two sketches of Battle of Falkirk plan by William Edgar in 1745.
A1808.141	1862, 1876-1878	Receipt for two lairs in the Falkirk Churchyard and John Russel's bank book with Clydesdale Banking Company.
A1808.142	1850-1857	Cash book. Contains record of accounts on properties, ships (William Shand) , Russel & Aitken, clients, Bell's Trust, Mayfield and other accounts. Note this appears to be a mix of John Russel's work as a solicitor and his private business matters
A1808.143	1861-1867	Miscellaneous papers. Includes discharge by John Russel to the trustees of the late James Russel of Blackbraes, missive of lease of two fields in Arnothill between William Forbes of Callendar and John Russel, certificate by registrar of enrolment of John Russel, Procurator, as a law agent in Scotland and letter to John Russel about obstructions to water supply
A1808.144	1862	Plan of the lands of Palace Rig, Parish of Cumbernauld
A1808.145	1858-1881	Papers relating to death and executry of John Russel. Includes extract death registration of John Russel, (d 17 Oct 1881), draft discharge & renunciation by John Russel to James Russel, 1858, draft inventory of the personal estate of James Russel of Blackbraes, 1859, Trust disposition and settlement by John Russel, 1861 (annotated in pencil see new trust, 1880) and postnuptial contract of marriage between John Russel and Mrs Mary Gaff Rennie or Russel, 1858 (registered 1875)
A1808.146	1880-1884	Papers relating to the executry of John Russel. Includes Trust, Disposition and Settlement by John Russel, 1880, Inventory of personal estate of John Russel (Testament testamentar umquhile John Russel); abstract of post-nuptial contract between John and Mary Russel; business accounts of Miss Russel of Mayfield, and other legal papers.
A1808.147	1881-1882	John Russel Trust papers. Includes accounts and invoices with shops and tradesmen, and correspondence relevant to accounts especially with architects for plans for enlargement of Mayfield.
A1808.148	1881	John Russel Trust - Account books with local shopkeepers : George Sutherland, fishmonger, Falkirk; Robert Mathieson, Baker & Confectioner, 70 High St, Falkirk; David Murdoch, Chemist & Druggist, Falkirk; A Learmonth & Co, fleshers, High St, Falkirk; James Haddow, family grocer & wine merchant, Falkirk; and Thomas Kier, merchant, Falkirk.
A1808.149	1881-1882	John Russel Trust - papers of the trustees relating to John Russel's orchids. Includes catalogues of orchids that belonged to John Russel, correspondence relating to sale of orchids.
A1808.150	Jul 1881	Notebook: List of orchids at Mayfield, belonging to John Russel.
A1808.151	Jul 1881	Notebooks: Lists of John Russel's plants

A1808.152	Sep 1882	Notebook: Roup roll of sale of plants at Mayfield
A1808.153	1778-1882	Title deeds of John Russel Property. Includes disposition and instrument of sasine of parts of Westerwards and Bowridge by George Allan and others to and in favour of John Russel, plan of Wairds and a notarial instrument in favour of the trustees of John Russel..
A1808.154	1881-1887	John Russel Trust - Opinion of Counsel papers about the management of the Russel estate. Includes Memorial and Queries by and Case for the Trustees of the late John Russel for the Opinion of Counsel and Case for James Aitken, writer in Falkirk.
A1808.155	1881-1924	Minutes of meetings of Trustees
A1808.156	1882-1922	John Russel executry. Includes inventories and valuations of furniture and silver belonging to trustees of John Russel and other belongings at Mayfield such as paintings. Also includes inventory and valuation of silver plate life-rented by the late Mrs Mary Crawford Russel or Walker, 33 Sloan Court, London (note: this silver was bequeathed to Falkirk Town Council and accessioned by Falkirk Museums.
A1808.157	1903-1924	Papers relating to estate of Mary Cook Rennie Walker, daughter of John Russel, and winding up of John Russel's Trust. Includes deed of assumption by James Aitken, sole surviving trustee of John Russel in favour of Alexander Nimmo, 1903; deed of assumption by Alexander Nimmo, trustee of John Russel in favour of Miss Mary Catherine Russel Walker and Charles Valentine Walker; estate duty account for Mrs Mary Cook Rennie Walker; accounts of trustees and other papers.
A1808.158	1922-1924	John Russel Trust - papers of the Trustees. Business account by the trustees of John Russel to Russel & Aitken
A1808.159	1881-1922	Sederunt Book - Russel Mayfield Trust Papers. Includes Table of Contents and index.

Miscellaneous papers of family members

A1808.160	1837	Letter from James Russel, 43 Laurieston Place, Edinburgh, to his father James Russel, snr, giving his opinion on the proper means of completion of the title of Greyrigg
A1808.161	May 1833	Letter, Robert Wm Kennard to James Russel and draft reply about a dispute with James Russel's son-in-law, Graham Hardie, on the use of "Falkirk" as a trademark on products.
A1808.162	1858	Heads of Agreement between John Russel and James Aitken as co-partners in Russel & Aitken following death of James Russel in 1858.
A1808.163	1855-1878	James Russel of Blackbraes Trust - Papers of the Trustees. Includes Contract of Marriage between James Russel & Miss Eliza Curle, Certificates of Birth of Catherine James Crawford Russel and James Russel of Dundas Castle, Extract from Trust, Disposition & Settlement by

		James Russel of Blackbraes and Note of amount of estate of James Russel of Blackbraes
A1808.164	1882-1883	James Russel of Blackbraes Trust - Papers of the Trustees. Includes Schedule of James Russel of Blackbraes family investments, Schedule of Division of Securities of the Trust of James Russel of Blackbraes, and accounts.
A1808.165	1858-1883	Papers relating mainly to settlements from James Russel of Blackbraes Trust to Mrs McQueen, Isabella Romanes Russel (Mrs C M P Burn) and Miss [Catharine?] Russel (Mrs Wilson Todd). Includes abstracts of the accounts of the Trustees of James Russel Trusts, minute by the Trustees of Miss Catherine Russel £10,000 Trust as to investing £10,000 of Trust funds over Panmure estate in Forfarshire and business and cash accounts of Trustees of Miss Russel Trust. Also includes papers relating to Trust for Mrs Margaret Russel of Aitken, sister of James Russel of Blackbrae, 1858-186 and draft document by Trustees of Marriage Trust of John Wilson and Mary Russel or Wilson, daughter of James Russel.
A1808.166	1879-1887	Papers relating to settlements from James Russel of Blackbraes Trust to the Marriage Contract Trust of Isabella Russel or Burn and Charles Burn. Includes copies of the Ante Nuptial Contract of Marriage between Charles Maitland Pelham Burn and Miss Isabella Romanes Russel (daughter of James Russel), minutes by and minutes of meetings of the Marriage Contract Trustees and current cash accounts between Mr & Mrs Burn and Curle & Erskine.
A1808.167	1843-1882	Papers relating to legal affairs of Elizabeth Russel or Hardie and settlements under Trusts of her father, James Russel, and her brothers, James Russel of Blackbraes and John Russel. Includes ante-nuptial contract of marriage between Graham Hardie and Elizabeth Russel (daughter of James Russel of Russel & Aitken)
A1808.168	1892-1896	Papers relating to death and executry of Elizabeth Russel or Hardie
A1808.169	1895-1901	Extract registered trust dispositions and settlements between Elizabeth Russel or Hardie's marriage contract trustees, testamentary trustees and residual legatees
A1808.170	1860-1964	Executry papers of James Russel of Dundas Castle. Includes extract of the Trust, Disposition & Settlement by James Russel of Dundas, Disposition of Milnquarter by the Trustees of James Russel of Blackbraes in favour of James Russel and Search for Incumbrances over Subjects in Blackbraes Estate.
A1808.171	1841-1843	Letters, accounts and other documents relating to the Russels' indigo factory in Porchatty and various negotiations between James Russel, snr, and his brothers, Henry B Russel and Alexander Russel, following the death of their brother John
A1808.172	1840s	Correspondence about indigo planting business in Calcutta,(Kolkata) mainly letters from Henry B Russel to his brother, James Russel snr of Russel & Aitken reporting

A1808.173	1881-1883	on trade and conditions with references to Falkirk and conditions in India and about their brother John's estate. Vouchers for receipt of stipend, land tax, road tax and miscellaneous accounts
A1808.174	1914-1915	Provisional Valuations of properties of James Russel of Dundas including land at Wester Blackrig, seven houses at Bridgehill, Avonbridge Brickworks and eight houses at Milnquarter, Bonnybridge and the Old Almond Iron Works (Disused) and ground at Almond, Linlithgow. Also includes plan showing disused Almond Iron Works.
A1808.175	1859-1885	Papers relating to the Clydesdale Banking Co agency run by John Russel and James Aitken (1859-1882). Includes Bond by John Russel & James Aitken to Clydesdale Bank, correspondence between the Bank and Russel & Aitken as to the Banking agency owned by John Russel & James Aitken (called John Russel & Aitken) and about overdrafts (in particular those of T.B McFazen, Architect, which finally led to the resignation of James Aitken in 1882.
A1808.176	1859	Clydesdale Banking Co: Private Instructions to Agents and Accountants
A1884.001	Circa 1831-1860	"Ledger of the cash transactions of James Russel, anent or connected with his interest in shipping and other matters between his relations and him" Includes transactions relating to his estate after his death.
A1884.002	Circa 1840-1858	Loose documents from shipping ledger. Correspondence, accounts and legal documents, including Vendition, Henry Salmon to James Nimmo.

Related Papers

James Russel held mineral rights to Milnquarter.