

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid (12) Papers of Heugh family, 1808-1833

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

Family history

John Heugh of Gartcows is said to have been born at Slammanan in 1745. His sisters were Helen, Alison and Margaret (who married John Stark of Bannyhill). He was related to Thomas Heugh, portioner, of Broomage, Larbert. While he was still young, John Heugh sailed for Calcutta as supercargo and, although shipwrecked, managed to reach his destination where he made a considerable amount of money. He moved to Burma and acted as commissary to the British troops then stationed there. Leaving Burma, he settled in the Cape of Good Hope, following the same line of business. In 1771 he moved to Garbet near Castlecary. In 1786 he acquired the property of Gartcows from Alexander Graham, as heir of his brother, Thomas Graham of Gartcows and farmed there. Later, he acquired additional lands to the south east of Gartcows.

John Heugh of Gartcows was also one of the partners of the Falkirk Bank Company, established in 1787. This existed until the year 1826, when its affairs were wound up, each £100 share yielding £1500 to the partners in return. He took an active part in the maintenance of roads and was a Justice of the Peace in the local courts.

On 20 September 1790 John Heugh of Gartcows married Helen Stark and they had five sons and four daughters. Helen Heugh, the eldest of the family, married Rev. David Scott, M.D., minister of Corstorphine, and afterwards Professor of Hebrew in St Mary's College, St Andrews. Janet Heugh, the second daughter, married George Meek, M.A., of Campfield in 1819. Margaret married James Burn, Writer to the Signet, in 1827, and their daughter, Helen Burn, married William Ellis Gloag, later named Lord Kincairney, one of the Judges of the Court of Session. Mary Heugh married James Aitken, brewer in Falkirk, who afterwards became Provost of the burgh. John Heugh, the eldest son was born in 1792; but died in 1825. Another son was Alexander Heugh who was born in 1800 and died at Dublin in November 1830. William Heugh, the youngest son was born in 1803 and began his career in the Falkirk Bank. His son, another John Heugh lived at Butts House, Houston.

Janet Heugh, who married George Meek of Campfield spent the winter of 1819 in London and then went to Italy. They left Rome to return to Scotland on the 26th July, 1820. However, George Meek contracted malarial fever and died at Hotel of the Tre Mori, at Bologna, as did his wife and newborn child.. The question as to whether the family of the husband or the wife was to benefit by their deaths, led to a close examination of the actual time at which each died, and it was proved that Mrs Meek died half an hour before her husband. George Meek's sisters therefore inherited the estate.[source: Love, James, Vol 1)

John Heugh died in 1822 and was buried in Falkirk Churchyard. his wife Helen Stark died in 1824.

Scope & Contents Note

Executry and trust papers of John Heugh of Gartcows, papers relating to conveyancing and property, papers relating to the estate of Janet Heugh and George Meek, and other legal papers.

Reference Code: A1812

Date range: 1808-1833

Item list

Accession No	Production date	Brief Description
A1812.001	1808-1819	Papers relating to Debts owed by Thomas Livingston of Parkhall to the Trustees of John Heugh
A1812.002	1822-1826	Papers relating to Debts owed to the Trustees of John Heugh by the Trustees of John Ogilvie of Gairdoch, including correspondence and state of accounts, also copy disposition and assignment between Trustees of John Heugh and Trustees of John Ogilvie; also letters relating to a relating to money owed by Mr Morehead
A1812.003	1822	Inventories of John Heugh's Estate & Effects. Includes Inventory & Valuation of the effects of John Heugh.
A1812.004	1819-1824	Marriage Contract between George Meek and Janet Heugh and correspondence relating to the inheritance of their estate following their deaths of Malaria on the same day as their infant daughter.
A1812.005	1819-1831	Papers regarding Court of Session Case of the Trustees of John Heugh against the family of the late John Kincaid, concerning the non payment debt secured by Bond and Disposition on lands at Gartcows by James Kincaid, son of John Kincaid to John Heugh, the property subsequently sold under this incumbence to his brother George Kincaid, also papers relating to the liability for the repayment of the debt which rests with the trustees of John Kincaid of Gartcows who had been left a sum in trust, includes family tree accounts, decreets of preference, correspondence and copy interlocutor and promissory note
A1812.006	1822-1827	Falkirk Bank Co Vouchers. Includes John Heugh's vouchers to debit his account with Falkirk Bank Co and vouchers to debit Trustees of John Heugh of Gartcows Trust.
A1812.007	1822-1827	Falkirk Bank Co Vouchers. Includes John Heugh's vouchers to debit his account with Falkirk Bank Co and vouchers to debit Trustees of John Heugh of Gartcows Trust.
A1812.008	1822-1827	Papers of Trustees of John Heugh of Gartcows Trust. Includes Minutes of Meetings of the Trustees, also draft obligations of the children of the late John Heugh to their fathers Trustees, also

A1812.009	1822-1851	<p>Discharge of Trustees by Alexander Heugh from liability to make further payment to him arising from his late father's trust</p> <p>Heugh Trust papers, including Memorandum of the Funds belonging to the Heugh family contained in the Inventory of the personal estate of John Heugh, deceased, Inventory of title deeds of the lands of Gartcows, Bond of Caution, Extract Power of Attorney by Thomas Heugh to William Heugh, Trustees account and valuations, also papers relating to John Heugh juniors dealings with the Trustees and also papers relating to an advance by the Trustees to James Burns, husband of Margaret Heugh, also correspondence between Trustees, beneficiaries and Russel & Aitken relating to the trust</p>
A1812.010	1823-1831	<p>Papers relating to properties of the Trustees of John Heugh, containing inventory of writs and title deeds relating to property at known as Kirkstyles bounded to the west by the parish church to the east by Kirk Wynd and to the north by the passage between the church and Kirk Wynd, also articles of Roup, rentals and also Copy Disposition of Trustees of John Heugh to Alexander Monro, writer of Falkirk relating to the same property also correspondence relating to property at Milnquarter and also letter concerning road trustees at Camelon, also Sketch plan of property belonging to the Trustees near Camelon aqueduct</p>
A1812.011	1823-1829	<p>Papers relating to Falkirk Bank Matters. Includes related correspondence, Minute of an adjourned meeting of the Partners of the Falkirk Bank and Memorial & Queries for Trustees of John Heugh of Gartcows as to the affairs of the Falkirk Bank.</p>
A1812.012	1823-1831	<p>Papers relating debts owed to Trustees of John Heugh of Gartcows, including bills and correspondence relating to a debt owed by John Coventry of Devonshaw, also papers and Inventory of Writs relating to lands at Lyoncross concerning a debt owed by Mrs Annabella Reid, in respect of Rev John Reid, deceased of Prospecthill, state of debt of the Camelon School and Well Society, also letter re debt owed by Mr Graham of Airth, also correspondence relating to the debt owed by William Johnstone of Meadowbank</p>
A1812.013	1823-1827	<p>John Heugh Executors' Court papers relating to Action between Bazett Farquar & Co, Merchants, London and themselves concerning the payment of a legacy from John Heugh's Trust to John Cullen of Calcutta, executor of Andrew Heugh, Includes correspondence, Defences for Robert Kirkwood and John Hardie (only surviving Trustees of the late John Heugh of Gartcows) against the Action at the instance of Messrs Bazett, Farquhar, Crawford &</p>

A1812.014	1823-1827	Co. and Mandatory and Exemplification of Probate of Mr Andrew Heugh's Will, also Testament Testamentar of Andrew Heugh
		John Heugh Trustees' Court papers relating to Action between Bazett Farquar & Co, Merchants, London and themselves concerning payment from John Heugh's Trust in respect of payment of a legacy to James Cullen of Calcutta, executor of Andrew Heugh, deceased son of John Heugh, Includes correspondence, Horn & Poind, Answers, Memorial & Queries for Trustees of John Heugh of Gartcows Trust and State of Debt due by Trustees to Messrs Bazett, Farquhar, Crawford & Co.
A1812.015	1824-1827	Papers relating to a case by David Clyne, writers, Edinburgh against The Heugh Trustees in respect of a sum owed by Robert Stark for whom the deceased John Heugh was formerly a cautioner, includes letters from Robert Stark, Edinburgh to David Clyne, writer, Edinburgh, Includes Answers for the Trustees of John Heugh in the Claim of David Clyne and Account of the Trustees to David Clyne, writer, Edinburgh.
A1812.016	1824-1825	John Heugh Trust - Trustees Executry Vouchers. Includes primarily vouchers for payments to John Heugh's children.
A1812.017	1825-1827	Heugh Executry Vouchers, Receipts & Papers. Vouchers such as for debiting Account of Trustees of John Heugh Trust, Receipts from Falkirk Bank and Discharge by Alexander Heugh to the Trustees of the late John Heugh, also Factory and Commission (Power of Attorney) by the Trustees of John Heugh in favour of William Heugh
A1812.018	1825-1828	Papers relating to lands of Garbet, parish of Cumbernauld. Includes Remarks on the Titles of the lands of Garbet noting that the property is in a state of non entry, also Memorandum on state of title , Advertisements for the sale by roup , and letter relating to Precept of Clare Constat relating to the lands which was granted by Captain Dundas to Thomas Heugh as heir to John Heugh, also correspondence relating to the necessity of reducing the price of the lands due to their failure to sell at the first roup, also account of rents due to the Heughs from the lands at Garbet with note concerning rent due for lands at Camelon, note of auction duty due on Mr Mellvilles purchase of the lands
A1812.019	1828	Memorial for Thomas Heugh and others as proprietors of lands in the County of Stirling which formerly held Feu of James the last Earl of Linlithgow and Callendar for opinion of counsel in relation to the Clan Act [which concerned the loyalty of all landlords and vassals to King George I]
A1812.020	1827-1828	Summons of Reduction Improbation, Declarator and Non-Entry - William Forbes of Callendar against

		several of his vassals including Thomas Heugh of Gartcows in respect of non entry of lands at Kirkhouse formerly possessed by John Burn, and also lands at Gartcows formerly possessed by John Hart, also copy summons for Thomas Heugh to appear before Court of Session regarding his non entry into the above mentioned lands
A1812.021	1828	Inventory of Title Deeds of all and whole that part and portion of the lands of Gartcows part of the Feu lands of Falkirk belonging to Thomas Heugh of Gartcows, formerly belonging to the Humphrey Sworde and then subsequently the Kincaid family of Gartcows, also letter concerning the Heugh's lands at Gartcows acquired from the Kincaid family
A1812.022	1833	Roup Roll of Gartcows Effects.