

## FALKIRK ARCHIVES

### Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid (13) Papers of William Simpson, 1655-1859

The finding aid for the Russel & Aitken Papers has been divided into 63 3 parts. This part contains a list of records relating to William Simpson who was a client of Russel & Aitken.

#### Family history

William Simpson was Accountant or Clerk to the Falkirk Banking Co in 1819, then a Nurseryman residing in Kerse Lane. His father, James Simpson, (d1794) workman at Carron, purchased Wester Dykeland from Michael Ramsay of Mungall in 1777.

William Simpson, by a General Disposition and Settlement, conveyed one half of his heritable estate to Dr James Espie while the other half went to his heirs-at-law. The heirs-at-law then sold their half to Dr Espie. Before his death, part of William Simpson's property (in the Randygate) was designated by the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co for the formation of the Stirlingshire Midland Railway but he died before an agreement over compensation could be reached.

#### Scope & Contents Note

Papers relating to William Simpson's new house & old house, titles of Durham's Gardens, 1655-1822, Railway conveyancing and papers from the Court of Session case on the validity of William Simpson's testament.

Date range: 1655-1850s

Reference Code : A1813

#### Item list

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1813.001	1655-1698	Titles of William Simpson's Property. Includes an acre in Randygate formerly the property at various times of John Hunter, James Rankine of Northouse, Balinkier and Janet Rankine, includes reference to a house in High Street, Falkirk which did not come into Simpson's possession
A1813.002	1735-1823	Titles and other papers relating to William Simpson's Property. Property deeds relating to lands at Randygate and foot of Back Row, formerly properties at various times of John Russell, Robert Mitchell, Captain James Dennistoun, James Henderson, John Dick, Andrew Dick and George Meek also Decreet of Adjudication by John Dick against James Livingstone, also letters of Horning raised by John Dick against York Building Company, also tack between George Meek and Wiliam Durham, also notice of public roup property at Randygate occupied by William Durham, also accounts relating to expenses involved in purchase

		of land from George Meek's heir also Trust Disposition and Settlement by Edward Wardrop in favour of his wife and children relating to land at Back Row
A1813.003	1819-1847	Papers regarding William Simpson's purchase of property Includes accounts, statements of burdens, statements of feu duties and notes concerning the purchase of property in Randygate
A1813.004	1842-1851	Papers regarding William Simpson's purchase of the former Associate Congregation Church [Auld Licht's] at Cistern Lane, including Inventory of title deeds
A1813.005	1849-1858	Papers relating to the proposed purchase by Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway, under the auspices of Stirling Midland Junction, 1846, of part of William Simpson's property, Including Inventories of title deeds of William Simpson's property in Kerse Lane and also correspondence
A1813.006	1851-1856	Memorials and Queries for the Opinion of Counsel regarding the succession of the Estate of William Simpson for James Espie, surgeon, Falkirk, George Heron and Robert Cowie, heirs portioner of the said estate also notes from James Burn, WS regarding the same, also copy Interlocutor and note, also memorandum by James Burn, W.S
A1813.007	1839-1859	Papers regarding the succession of William Simpson's estate including Inventory of properties formerly belonging to William Simpson at Falkirk, also Precognition relating to General Disposition and Settlement by William Simpson, also Memorandum concerning the affairs of the late William Simpson, also Copy Disposition and Settlement of Agnes Bow and her husband William Espie, farmer in Halls of Airth to trustees, also Mandate for Special service of John Robert Carrier, waterman and lighterman, Woolwich and Susana Kelly, Peterborough as heirs portioner of William Simpson, also minute of meeting of heirs portioner, also part of Agreement by heirs portioners to sell their part of William Simpson's estate to James Espie, also correspondence
A1813.008	1850-1860	Papers relating to succession of estate of William Simpson (formerly accountant with the Falkirk Banking Co) which included subjects on the Back Row of Falkirk, on the Randygate, Cistern Lane Bainsford and in the lands of Mungal and relating to a dispute between Dr James Espie and the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co over compensation for the sale of land to the Railway. Includes memorandum, Certificate of Search of Incumbrances, note for settlement of subjects in Falkirk sold to the heirs portioners of William Simpson, Minute detailing agreement between Dr Espie and The Heirs-at-law of William Simpson and

A1813.009	1850-1859	correspondence. Papers relating to succession of estate of William Simpson (formerly accountant with the Falkirk Banking Co) which included subjects on the Back Row of Falkirk, on the Randygate, Cistern Lane Bainsford and in the lands of Mungal and relating to a dispute between Dr James Espie and the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co over compensation for the sale of land to the Railway. Includes state of settlement between the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co and Dr James Espie, Disposition of subjects by Dr Espie to the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co, correspondence and notes of expenses.
A1813.010	1856-1858	Correspondence regarding the succession of William Simpson's estate. Mainly from G & G Dunlop W.S., Edinburgh
A1813.011	1820s	Plan of proposed Canal between Cambridge and London, Ralph Walker, Engineer.