

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid (17) Papers of the Hardie family, 1710-1895

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

Family history

There were three generations of individuals named Thomas Hardie whose papers are in this collection. The family were clients of Russel & Aitken.

Thomas Hardie (1) was a farmer in Langsdyke, Airth.

His widow, Mary, was a cousin of the deceased wife of William Peddie, baker in Rothesay, and as Peddie's next of kin she became his executrix dative and sole beneficiary of his estate when he died intestate. Peddie left a substantial estate (about £10,000) which Mary Hardie assigned to her son Thomas Hardie (2) on condition that he transferred one quarter to his sister, Mary Hardie or Anderson, and made a loan of a further quarter to his sister who would grant a security to him. Mary's husband, Alexander Anderson signed as discharge on her behalf in respect of her entitlement. In 1841 Alexander Anderson on behalf of his wife raised Court of Session proceedings for Reduction of the Discharge but the Court ruled in favour of Thomas Hardie(2).

Thomas Hardie (2) was a grocer, spirit dealer and merchant in Upper Gartcows, Falkirk. By 1841 he was a Tea merchant and by 1855 he was a farmer at Hill of Kinnaird, as tenant of Mary Cumming Bruce; and also by 1856 a merchant of Peruvian Guano (the excrement of sea birds, cave dwelling bas and seals) as well as bone meal and soda nitrate. He died in 1859.

His son, Thomas Hardie (3) who lived at Polmont Cottage, Polmont, was a beneficiary in his father's trust. He died in 1873 and the Trust was wound up in 1894.

Scope & Contents Note

Progression of title of subjects in Falkirk High Street, 1710-1842, which belonged to Thomas Hardie (2). Measurements and property details relating to Baxter's Wynd. Papers relating to William Peddie's estate and claims in respect of it. Papers relating to Thomas Hardie (2)'s tenancy of Hill of Kinnaird farm with farm and household invoices and receipts and details of wages. Correspondence, invoices, cashbooks and outstanding debts relating to the guano business. Details of Thomas Hardie (2)'s estate and Trust with final discharge of 1894 following an action of multipointing in the Court of Session establishing final rights to Thomas Hardie(3)'s Trust estate following the death of the liferenters. Executry papers for Thomas Hardie (2) and Thomas Hardie (3). Lease documentation for Falkirk subjects and their subsequent sale. Business accounts with Russel & Aitken.

Date range: 1710-1895

Reference Code: A1817

Item list

<i>Accession No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
A1817.001	1710-1842	Titles of subjects purchased by Thomas Hardie (2) in 1830 on the south side of the High St near the west end. Includes search of incumbrances, 1830 and notes on search, Disposition by James Buckie & his spouse to Robert Stevenson & his spouse and Instrument of Sasine in favour of Robert Adam. Previous owners included Adam in 1710, Bead in 1715, Stevenson in 1736, Buckie in 1749 and Crawford, Boag & Scott in 1816.
A1817.002	1838	Tacks between Thomas Hardie (2) and William Dobbie, clockmaker for premises on south side of High St, Falkirk
A1817.003	1730-1844	Titles of subjects at east end of the High St, Falkirk, purchased by Thomas Hardie, tea merchant in 1842. Includes inventory, 1796, with entries from 1660, and inventory, 1844.
A1817.004	1839-1847	Titles of Wester Seamores. Includes inventory of title deeds of subjects at Wester Seamores belonging to Alexander Stirling and notice of public roup of subjects at Wester Seamores, 1844. Thomas Hardie (2) held securities for loans to Alexander Stirling: the land was sold by Russel & Aitken in 1841 and the money repaid to Thomas Hardie.
A1817.005	1836-1857	Papers relating to various issues. Includes Measurement of the Old Post Office Close to Baxter's Wynd, letter on privilege of putting signs on thoroughfare from the High Street at the foot of Baxter's Wynd, State of Debts of Estate of James Morrison to Thomas Hardie (2) , rental of property in Falkirk which belonged to Miss Isabella Renny of Deanfoot, correspondence relating to Thomas Hardie (2) as a creditor on the sequestrated estate of David Ritchie and other legal matters.
A1817.006	1825-1867	Papers relating to Hill of Kinnaird. Includes Inventory of documents belonging to Thomas Hardie (2), offer by Thomas Hardie (2) for lease of Hill of Kinnaird Farm and insurance policy, 1853 and his offer to take Fleming's Feu Park on the West side to the approach to Kinnaird House from the South Gate for nineteen years.
A1817.007	1827-1855	Papers relating to estate of William Peddie, Baker, Rothesay cousin of Mary Hardie, widow of Thomas Hardie (1) who was Peddie's next of kin and executrix. Includes Defences for her son, Thomas Hardie (2) merchant, Falkirk, against the Action of Reduction at the instance of Hugh Anderson, Senior Labourer, Linlithgow on behalf of his wife, Mary Hardie or Anderson, (sister of Thomas Hardie (2)); and discharge by Thomas

		Hardie with consent of Mrs Mary Hardie and Mr Alexander Anderson to the Renfrewshire Banking Co.
A1817.008	1833-1842	Papers regarding estate of William Peddie, Baker, Rothsay (sic).
A1817.009	1821-1855	Papers relating to legacy of William Peddie Includes informal holograph writing of 4 August 1821 by William Peddie including legacy of £1,000 to his cousin Duncan Lamont of North Carolina and paper intimating claim from Duncan's heir (claim resisted).
A1817.010	1833-1846	Papers relating to various court actions. Includes Petition of Hardie v Smith, Execution of Pounding of Hardie v Kirkwood (Cabinet Maker, Bainsford) and State of Debt by Thomas Hardie & others to the National Bank of Scotland
A1817.011	23 May 1856	Petition by Thomas Hardie to the Sheriff of Stirlingshire claiming that his vessel, Peggy McLaren, loaded with 30-32 tons of Guano and bound for the Stirling shore or harbour struck the anchor of the Commerce of Lynn, which sank the Peggy McLaren leading to the loss and damage of the cargo of Guano.
A1817.012	1856-1862	Papers relating to supplies of Guano. Includes list of Guano bone dust and nitrate of soda, 1857-1858, associated correspondence, invoices of purchases of bags of Guano from Thomas Hardie and memos.
A1817.013	1856-1865	Papers regarding Guano supplies. Includes Delivery Weight records of bags of guano landed by the East & West India Dock Co, receipt of guano from John Thomson (Seed Merchant & Importer of Peruvian Guano) and correspondence.
A1800.024/01	1859	Cashbook No 1 showing details of dealings in guano at Grangemouth, Kennetpans, and Stirling
A1800.024/02	1858	Cashbook No 2-4 showing details of dealings in guano at Grangemouth, Kennetpans, and Stirling
A1800.024/03	1857	Cashbook No 3 showing details of dealings in guano at Grangemouth, Kennetpans, and Stirling
A1817.014	1855-1862	Farm invoices & receipts. Includes invoice for guano, invoice from John Turnbull (Agricultural Implement Maker, Reaping Machines etc) and receipt for bricks and tiles purchased from John Bachop.
A1817.015	1857-1866	Household invoices & receipts, mainly from suppliers in Falkirk.
A1817.016	1858-1863	Farm and household invoices and receipts. Includes invoice for rough chaff wheat and receipt for farm equipment.
A1817.017	1856-1866	Farm and household invoices and receipts. Includes invoice for farm equipment and receipt for vegetable plants.
A1817.018	1859-1862	Papers relating to Thomas Hardie (2)'s estate.

A1817.019	1837-1859	Includes Thomas Hardie's Trust disposition and settlement and List of the late Mr Thomas Hardie's Debtors for Guano and estate accounts Correspondence, accounts and other papers, mainly relating to executry of Thomas Hardie (2). Includes account book of Thomas Hardie with the Bank of Scotland, 1847-1856. Also includes extract registration of birth of Robert Hardie (b. 28 Oct 1849) issued 29 Dec 1855.
A1817.020	1858-1867	Executry papers of Thomas Hardie (2). Includes account books for local shops and groceries
A1817.021	1861-1867	Accounts of Trustees of Thomas Hardie Trust. Includes Accounts Current and Russel & Aitken's business accounts with Trustees. Also includes Notes of Income & Expenditure in connection with Kinnaird Farm.
A1817.022	1860-1866	Letters about payments of accounts relating to Thomas Hardie.
A1817.023	1860-1867	Trust papers. Includes Confirmed Testament Testamentar of Thomas Hardie (2) with Certified Copy of inventory of the deceased's personal estate and Discharge by Thomas Hardie (3) in favour of the Trustees of Thomas Hardie (2) Trust.
A1817.024	1855-1881	Miscellaneous papers. Includes papers relating to the purchase of Polmont Cottage, Polmont, by Thomas Hardie (3).
A1817.025	1871	Missives of leases between Thomas Hardie (3) and various tenants (John Fergus, George Sutherland, Thomas Arnot and Henry Paton) for premises in Falkirk
A1817.026	1865-1878	Accounts of Thomas Hardie (3) and of the Trustees of Thomas Hardie Trusts with Russel & Aitken
A1817.027	1867-1873	Papers relating to Thomas Hardie (3)'s death and funeral including letters from Whitehall regarding interment of remains in Falkirk church yard (Likely to be refused), 2 copies of Trust disposition and settlement by Thomas Hardie, inventory of household contents, extract of registration of birth of Thomas Hardie, minutes of first meeting of Trustees and succession accounts. Also includes papers relating to property in High St and half share in the Newmarket Co, including the Newmarket Inn and decision to decline as Trustee from J Aitken, Brewer because of Aitken interest in Newmarket Co.
A1817.028	1873-1890	Trust accounts and business accounts with Russel & Aitken.
A1817.029	1881-1893	Minutes of Meetings of the Trustees. Also includes Statement of Intromissions of Trustees, 1885-1891 and related correspondence.
A1817.030	1879-1886	Papers relating to action of multiple poinding by the Trustees of the Thomas Hardie Trust against

- Mrs Lucy Elizabeth Morrison or Campbell & others. Includes precognitions, memorial for opinion of counsel and appendix to memorial, correspondence and questions to James Morrison as to his marriage and children. (Some of prospective beneficiaries were illegitimate and therefore there was doubt about their entitlements). Also includes account of James Gaff with Alexander Morrison, 1826.
- A1817.031 1861-1895 Papers relating to action of multiple poinding by the Trustees of the Thomas Hardie Trust against Mrs Lucy Elizabeth Morrison or Campbell & others. Includes Summons of Multiplepoinding and Exoneration; and certificates of birth of Jane, Jessie and Annie Morrison and information from Registrar about Mary and Lucy Elizabeth Varity, illegitimate daughters of Annie Varity; and certification that James Morrison was still alive in 1888.
- A1817.032 1893-1894 Articles of Roup of properties in High St Falkirk and Discharge by certain of the Residuary Legatees of the deceased Thomas Hardie to his Trustees.