

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Russel & Aitken Papers (19) Papers of the Sword and Brock families, 1693 -1871

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

Family history

The Sword and Brock families became linked through the marriages of Isabella Risk, who first married James Brock in 1793 and then Andrew Sword in 1819.

John Brock became owner or tenant of the Crown Inn at the west end of the High St in Falkirk in 1763. This property along with lands at Weitlands (which was near the Bleachfield in Falkirk) eventually passed to James Brock who married Isabella Risk in 1793. He died in 1812.

The Sword (or Sworde) family was known in Falkirk from the mid 17th century and gave its name to Sword's Wynd. Alexander Sword owned subjects in Mungall as early as 1783. Andrew Sword of Mungalhead, (most likely Alexander Sword's son) a farmer and brewer married Isabella Risk, widow of James Brock, in 1819. He predeceased her, dying intestate without issue. She then built Brockville House in 1832, on the lands of Weitlands, and lived there until her death in 1840. Her niece, Marion Risk inherited Brockville House in liferent and lived there until 1870.

Andrew Sword's nephew, Rev Thomas Sword was vicar of Bungay, Suffolk and then later Rector of St Peters, Thetford, Norfolk. He conveyed his subjects in Bainsford to his Uncle, Andrew Sword in 1814. After the death of Andrew Sword, the land was re-conveyed to Reverend Thomas Sword. Upon the death of his grandfather, Alexander Sword of Mungall, Rev Thomas inherited considerable property.

Scope & Contents Note

Titles and papers relating to ownership of lands in Mungal, Weitlands and the Crown Inn, Falkirk. Details of Andrew Sworde's brewing and farm business, 1819-1832. Papers relating to Isabella Sword's executry and her Trust including those relating to letting of the Crown Inn, and accounts current with Russel & Aitken. Correspondence and settlement of claim against the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Co after severance at Brockville House.

Date range: 1693-1871

Reference Code: A1819

Item list

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
A1819.001	1823-1844	Papers relating to title to the Sworde property in Mungalhead from 1707. Includes Inventory of Titles, Inventory of Progress of Writs of lands of Mungall belonging to the Rev Thomas Sworde, 1823 and Heritable Bond by the Rev Thomas Sworde in favour of Robert Melville, wood merchant, Falkirk, 1823 and discharge, 1831. Also insurance policy for subjects in Mungal.
A1819.002	1821-1840	Accounts for farm and brewing business in Mungalhead. Includes hay sales, 1828; crop measurement by John Shaw, 1830; sales of rum, 1819; sale of farm equipment, 1830; details of rents, 1828-1830; sale of dung, 1822-1830; expenses of brewing and duty on beer, 1829; barley book - purchases and sales; sales by John Stark, distiller, Camelon for barm, 1830 and details of wages, 1828.
A1819.003	1693-1831	Titles to Weitlandsfield. Includes Instrument of sasine in favour of John Muirhead, 1693, instrument of sasine in favour of William Gibb, portioner of Kirkcows, 1785, and discharge and renunciation by Alex Hamilton to William Jarvey, 1816
A1819.004	1763-1825	Papers relating to Crown Inn. Includes Assignment by John Clark to John Brock, 1763; Disposition by James Brock to Isabella Risk (his spouse) of his moveable means and estate, 1811; Mrs Brock's feu book, 1800 and articles of roup, 1791.
A1819.005	1830-1844	Isabella Sword's trust and executry papers. Includes Trust disposition and settlement of Isabella Risk or Sword, 1830; Inventory & valuation of effects claimed by Miss Risk, 1840; roup roll of Mrs Sword's furniture, 1840; legacy receipts by members of the Risk family; note of expenses of Mrs Sword's Trustees to Russel & Aitken; papers and correspondence about contents of Brockville claimed by Marion Risk. Contains details of estate and of Risk family entitled to estate of death of liferentrix Marion Risk.
A1819.006	1844-1871	Isabella Sword's trust papers. Includes correspondence relating to Mrs Sword's Trust, State of the whole Trust Estate etc of the late Mrs Isabella Risk or Sword referred to in Discharge by Thomas Risk & Mrs Morton, 1871; certificates of members of the Risk family granting power of attorney over money due from the estate of Mrs Sword, 1871; and Discharges to the Trustees of Mrs Isabella Risk or Sword Trust, 1871.
A1819.007	1840-1871	Trust papers. Includes Minutes of meetings of Trustees.

A1819.008	1840-1844	Accounts of Trustees with Russel & Aitken. Includes Accounts of Business, Accounts Current and related correspondence. Also includes Roup Roll of Mrs Sword's furniture etc, 1840, Note of Miss Risk's purchases at Mrs Sword's roup, 1840 and an Inventory of the personal estate of Mrs Sword, 1840.
A1819.009	1843-1871	Accounts of Trustees with Russel & Aitken. Includes Accounts of Business and Accounts Current.
A1819.010	1840-1850	Papers relating to let of Brockville to Dr Tennant. Includes Inventory of titles of villa and lands of Brockville, 1849; letter about settlement with Railway, note about burdens on Brockville and Inventory of effects of Mrs Sword at Brockville, 1840.
A1819.011	1842-1858	Papers concerning Crown Inn, Falkirk mainly relating to lets. Includes Arrangement for Let of the Crown Inn, Falkirk for 5 years, Minute of Tack between the proprietors of the Crown Inn, Instrument of sasine in favour of Margaret Muirhead otherwise Robertson and correspondence about rents and leasing of Crown Inn.
A1819.012	1842-1850	Papers regarding park at Weitlands. Includes arrangements of let of park to Peter Wilson, 1844; Minute of Agreement between Russel & Aitken (as Factors for Mrs Sword's Trustees) and Peter Wilson, 1844; Measurement of park, 1845; correspondence concerning complaints about intrusion by Dr Tennant, (tenant at Brockville) from Peter Wilson, (tenant of park), 1845; handbill for sale of subjects at Weitlands, 1850; handbill for letting of park in Weitlands, near the Bleachfield 1850; and Offer of J Henderson for park, 1850.
A1819.013	1847-1849	Papers regarding settlement of claim against Glasgow & Edinburgh Railway Co. Includes Memorandum of proposed arrangements between the Edinburgh & Glasgow Co and the Trustees of the late Mrs Sword, Stirlingshire Midland Junction Notice to the Trustees of Mrs Sword with plan and correspondence from Bannatyne & Kirkwood (Writers in Glasgow) to Russel & Aitken.