

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid (22) Papers of the Russell family of Greenhill, Slamannan, 1652-1902

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

Family history

The Russell family association with Greenhill began in 1759 when a William Russell acquired the property.

His descendant, William Russell inherited Greenhill but lived in Grahams Road, Falkirk. He was married but had no issue. He also owned a house in North Basin Street, Grangemouth. He died in 1860. His brother, Thomas, farmed Greenhill and paid rent to his brother, William, as owner. Thomas died in 1869. Thomas Russell of Greenhill had issue as follows: .Thomas Russell junior; Margaret Russell or Shanks (wife of John Shanks of Wester Jaw); Janet; and Mary.

John, brother of Thomas (senior) and William, spent 40 years in the United States, latterly in Kingston, Ulster County, New York State. He had a successful business career in the United States of America and returned to Scotland (Broompark, Denny) a few years before his death in 1873. He was unmarried. His sister Janet, also unmarried, kept house for John during his stay in the U.S. and returned with him. She died in 1876. John's estate, in Scotland and the U.S, was substantial. He had made his own will with a life interest to Janet. The eventual distribution of his estate caused problems.

Thomas Russell junior who was also a farmer inherited the farm of Easter Greenhill but on account of his debts his estate was sequestrated and he became a farmer in East Kilbride. Thomas, junior, had six children: Margaret, b.1880; Agnes, b.1882; Thomas, b.1884; John, b.1886; Mary, b.1889; and Jeannie, b.1892.

Scope & Contents Note

Greenhill Title Deeds 1652 – 1690. Details of Action between Thomas Russell, senior, and Carrick Buchanan of Drumpellier, landlord and his tenant, Wilson, about access at the bridge embankment at the march between Greenhill (Stirlingshire) and Drumtassie (Linlithgowshire), with detailed precognitions and plans, 1858-1860. Miscellaneous vouchers, 1857-1869, including details of marble shipped from the United States for monument in Slamannan churchyard. Papers relating to the purchase, maintenance and letting of William's house in Grangemouth. Papers relating to Executry administrations of William, Thomas senior, John and Janet. Papers relating to actions against Thomas Russell, junior, and his subsequent sequestration. Recipes.

Date range: 1652-1902

Reference Code : A1822

Item list

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| A1822.001 | 1652-1690 | Greenhill, Slamannan Titles. Includes Instrument of Sasine in favour of John Schaw and Elizabeth Menzies, his Spouse. |
| A1822.002 | 1857-1859 | Details of Action between Thomas Russell & Carrick Buchanan of Drumpellier, landowner and his tenant, Wilson, about building of bridge embankment at the march between Greenhill (Stirlingshire) and Drumtassie (Linlithgowshire). Includes Plan of parts of the lands of Drumtassie & Greenhill for proposed alterations on Burn, related correspondence and Precognition of William Russell. |
| A1822.003 | 1850-1860 | Details of Action between Thomas Russell & Carrick Buchanan, Landowner and his tenant, Wilson about building of bridge embankment at Greenhill and Drumtassie. Includes Notes of Pursuers Proof and of Defenders Proof, related correspondence and Drain Book for Drumpeller.. |
| A1822.004 | 1857-1859 | Vouchers. Includes receipts for clothing, boots and letter from John Russel, writer, Falkirk accepting invitation to tea from William on behalf of himself and his wife but assuming that his children might be excused as they were too young. |
| A1822.005 | 1854-1859 | Thomas Russell senior Vouchers. Includes receipts for stipends, Newlands rent and County Rates. Also including Roup Roll of farm stocking belonging to Mr Russell. |
| A1822.006 | 1861-1869 | Vouchers. Includes receipts for Minister's stipends for Greenhill, the Schoolmaster's salary and for poor rates and receipted invoices for six boxes of marble from New York. |
| A1822.007 | 1859-1860 | Papers regarding William Russell's house in Grangemouth. Includes letter confirming that William Russell lets a house to John Johnston, Custom House Officer, and Specifications for wright and plaster work of the upper flat of a house in Grangemouth belonging to William Russell of Greenhill and related plan of house. (William Russell residing at Midnewlands Cottage, Falkirk and also shown as Rutherford House, Falkirk). |
| A1822.008 | 1858-1868 | Papers regarding William Russell's Estate. Includes minute of meetings of the friends & relations of the deceased William Russell of Greenhill held after the funeral, related correspondence, receipts for insurance policies for the life of Christina Shanks and Residue Account of the deceased William Russell. |
| A1822.009 | 1833-1861 | Papers regarding William Russell's Estate. Includes receipts for insurance policies, Memorial for John & Thomas Russell for the Opinion of Counsel and Discharge by Jean Baillie or Shanks now Russell (wife of deceased William Russell) to John Russell & Thomas Russell (the heirs and executors of the late William Russell). |
| A1822.010 | 1841-1887 | Thomas Russell's Executry Papers. Includes minutes of meetings of the Trustees of the Thomas Russell of Greenhill Trust and Inventory & Valuation of the moveable effects of the late Thomas Russell. |

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| A1822.011 | 1850-1877 | Executry Papers of Thomas Russell senior. Includes Extract Registered Discharge by Thomas Russell, junior and others in favour of the Trustees of his father's Trust (Thomas Russel of Greenhill Trust), Extract Registered Trust Disposition & Settlement by Thomas Russell in favour of Janet Scott or Russell and others and Confirmed Testament Testamentar of Thomas Russell senior. |
| A1822.012 | 1859-1887 | Papers regarding Estate of John Russell formerly of Kingston, , Ulster County, New York State, USA. Includes Inventory of the personal estate of the late John Russell and his Testament Testamentar. |
| A1822.013 | 1873-1882 | Papers regarding John Russell. Consists of Valuation of the late John Russell's furniture and Memo as to U.S. Bonds and other funds. |
| A1822.014 | 1869-1883 | Papers regarding Estate of Janet Russell. Includes Memorial for Thomas Russell (jun) of Easter Greenhill for the Opinion of Counsel, Declaration by Miss Janet Russell and Letters by the Commercial Bank of Scotland & others to the late John Russell. |
| A1822.015 | 1876-1883 | Papers regarding estate of Janet Russell. Includes Excerpt from Testament Testamentar of the late Miss Janet Russell and Trust Disposition & Settlement by Miss Janet Russell with Codicils. |
| A1822.016 | 1887 | Personal Bond by Thomas Russell (junior) to James Aitken of Darroch for £1100 and Back Letter by James Aitken to Thomas Russell. |
| A1822.017 | 1891-1893 | Papers regarding various Actions against Thomas Russell, junior of Greenhill (thereafter of Back Row, East Kilbride). Includes Classified Statements of the Intromissions of William Mair Nairn, Chartered Accountant in Glasgow, Trustee on the Sequestrated Estate of Thomas Russell of Greenhill Farm about Thomas Russell's Sequestration and Interlocutor for Alexander Bennie v Thomas Russell in case where Thomas Russell junior was accused of assaulting Alexander Bennie, the Crater who worked on his farm, and Bennie's claim that he owed him £13.16/10d |
| A1822.018 | 1891-1893 | Papers regarding various Actions against Thomas Russell (junior) of Greenhill (thereafter of Back Row, East Kilbride). Includes Extract Registered Protest for James Waugh against Thomas Russell, Proof in John Crawford v Russell and Statement of Accounts between Thomas Russell and John & Hugh Crawford. |
| A1822.019 | 1901-1902 | Executry papers of Mrs Janet Scott or Russell spouse of Thomas Russell, farmer of Easter Greenhill whose heritable estate included Wester Jaw Cottage, subjects in North Basin St Grangemouth. Includes copy Inventory and Valuation of effects at Wester Jaw Cottage, receipts of legacies from estate among the children of Thomas Russell junior of Easter Greenhill. |
| A1822.020 | 1831-1855 | Recipes for making blackberry vinegar, black ink and brewing a peck of malt and details of where Dr. Cranston, Bone Doctor, consulted. |

