

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Estate, Family and Personal Papers Finding Aid (O-R)

How to use this finding aid

Falkirk Archives holds the records of a number of local estates, families and individuals. All have a close connection with the area. Some records have been collected as examples of typical local material, such as ration books and school certificates

In this finding aid you will find a list of the records we hold arranged by the name of the estate, family or individual. Each list has a brief introduction to the estate, family or individual, giving some information on their history and their connection with the Falkirk area.

You can also search the collections through the website Collections Browser.

There are leaflets available which give an introduction to the sources in the Archives for the study of local industrial history, local social history and family history. There are also a number of educational topic source lists which can be consulted by researchers.

O'Brien Family Papers

The O'Brien family were a Falkirk family that emigrated to North America in the late 19th century. These photocopies were collected for information on local emigrants.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A519.01	1887-1888	Photocopies of typed transcripts of correspondence among Thomas O'Brien, his sister Anne O'Brien McDowell and her niece Mary O'Brien, and between James Scott and his wife, Elizabeth McDowell

Oliver Family Papers

John Oliver was a draper from Bo'ness who started Griffiths & Oliver, drapers, 60 South St, Bo'ness in partnership with Arthur Griffiths in 1897. He and Arthur Griffiths were also manager and treasurer of Bo'ness Sick & Deposit yearly Society. His son Frank Oliver served in the RAF during WWII

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1952.001	(Early 20th Century) {nd}	Rules of the Bo'ness Sick & Deposit Yearly Society, [Arthur] Griffiths and [John] Oliver, [drapers, Bo'ness], managers
A1952.002	(Early 20th Century) {nd}	Notice to Members of the Bo'ness Sick & Deposit Yearly Society, concerning the receipt of deposits, [Arthur] Griffiths and [John] Oliver, [drapers, Bo'ness], treasurers and managers
A1952.003	1898	Copy Contract of Co-partnership between Arthur Griffiths and John Oliver in a drapers business at 60 South St, Bo'ness, also accompanying letter
A1952.004	1897	Inventory and Valuation of the stock and trade, shop and workshop furniture and utensils belonging to the deceased Edward M Melville, tailor and clothier, South St, Bo'ness,
A1952.005	06 Nov 1906	Programme of Bo'ness Winter [Race] Meeting, showing list of races and horses taking part, with short paragraph on the form of each horse
A1952.006	1938	Account issued by Bo'ness Gas-Light Coy Ltd to Frank Oliver for the supply of a cooker
A1952.007	1940-1945	Royal Air Force Service and Release Book, also enclosed Airman's Pay Book, Yellow Fever Inoculation Certificate and War Damage Contribution Form
A1952.008	(1940s) {nd}	Application form for membership of Bo'ness & District Merchants' Association, with Constitution and Rules
A1952.009	(1950s) {nd}	Ration Book - Motor Fuel, for 1501-2200 cc Motor car
A1952.010	(1950s) {nd}	Ration Coupons - Motor Fuel
A1952.011	(1950s) {nd}	Bo'ness Official street plan, with adverts for various local businesses including adverts for Griffiths and Oliver, General Drapers, 60 South St, Bo'ness, also with brief history of Bo'ness on reverse of plan

Magdalene Oliver, Family Papers

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| A2149.001/01 | (Late 1950s – early 1960s) {nd} | Falkirk & District United Co-operative Society Dividend Stamp Book. Each page is filled with One Shilling Dividend Stamps. |
| A2149.001/01 | (Late 1950s – early 1960s) {nd} | Falkirk & District United Co-operative Society Dividend Stamp Book. First page is filled with One Shilling and 5 pence Dividend Stamps, all other pages are empty. |

Oswald Family Papers

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1266.001	23/01/70	Instruments of Sasine narrating that in presence of the notary and witnesses underwritten, personally compeared Andrew Oswald before Henry Levingstoun, baillie of William Lord Livingston of Callendar, who gave sasine to said Andrew Oswald of half of a fifth part of the lands and town of Falkirk in the barony of Callendar and sherifffdom of Stirling in virtue of a Precept of Clare Constat by said William Lord Levingstoun in favour of said Andrew Oswald as lawful and nearest heir of deceased Alexander Oswald his brother, dated at Airth 2nd December 1570 before these witnesses, Alexander Bruce of Airth, Robert Makkesoun and Robert Richartsoun. Witnesses to Sasine, Alexander Levingstoun of Terromteray, John Levingstoun, his son, Henry Brisoun in Langtoun, James Mongall, William Levingstoun and Thomas Muirhead in Glen, Notary David Johnesoun of the diocese of St Andrews
A1266.002	12 Nov 1575 {original}	Instruments of Sasine dated 12th November 1575 narrating that in presence of the notary and witnesses underwritten personally compeared Patrick Oswald in Falkirk as procurator for Alexander Levingstoun, John Leys and Margaret Bankis, his spouse, feu farmers, of half of a fifth part of the lands and town of Falkirk in the barony of Callendar and sherifffdom of Stirling, before William, Lord Levingstoun as superior of said lands and there by staff and baton resigned them for new infeftment in favour of Andrew Oswald to whom sasine was given thereof. Witnesses to sasine, Alexander Levingstoun of Pentastane, Andrew Makkesoun, James Sadalar, Robert Herring, John Paslay, colliers and George Hakas. Notary David Johnesoun of the diocese of St Andrews
A1266.003	16/04/00	Instrument of Sasine dated 16th April 1600 narrating that in presence of the notary and witnesses underwritten personally compeared a young man, Alexander Oswald, lawful son and nearest heir of deceased Andrew Oswald in Falkirk together with Robert Hamiltoun, clothier, as bailie who gave sasine to said Alexander of a fifth part of the lands of Falkirk, namely the tofts, crofts, yards, boddum, beinsflat and meadows, east and west lying in the barony of Callendar and sherifffdom of Stirling, in virtue of a Precept of Clare Constat dated AD Falkirk 15th

June 1586 by Alexander, Master of Levingstoun in favour of said Alexander Oswald as Lawful and nearest heir of said deceased Andrew Oswald his father. Witnesses to Precept, John Levingstoun of Pantasquan, James Michael, in Falkirk, George Michell his son, James Inglis, John Stewart of Rosland and Alexander Cuthbert, notary public. Witnesses to sasine, George Wilson, burgess of Linlythgw, Alexander Davie, merchant in Falkirk and John Davie, servant of said Alexander Oswald. Notary James Ros of the diocese of St Andrews

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| A1266.004 | 05/07/48 | Instrument of Sasine dated 5th July 1648 narrating that in presence of the notary and witnesses underwritten personally compeared William Callendar of Durratour as bailie of James Earl of Callendar together with George Bell, provost of Linlithgow as attorney for Mr Andrew Oswald, advocate and sisine was given to said attorney on behalf of said Mr Andrew Oswald of a fifth part of the lands of Falkirk, namely the tofts, crofts, yards, boddum, beinsflat and meadows, east and west lying in the barony of Callendar and sheriffdom of Stirling, in virtue of a Precept of Clare Constat dated at Edinburgh 1st July 1648 by James Earl of Callendar in favour of said Andrew Oswald as eldest lawful son and nearest heir of deceased Alexander Oswald portioner of Falkirk. Witnesses to Precept, Mr Thomas Levingstoun, lawful son of deceased Allan Levingstoun, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, William Levingstoun, merchant, there, and Thomas Forrest, Writer to the Signer. Witnesses to Sasine, David Levingstoun, younger of Pantasken, Robert Burne, Portioner of Falkirk, Andrew Burne, Messenger, there and William Liverence, messenger, burgess of Linlythgow. Notary Thomas Forrest of the diocese of Glasgow |
| A1266.005 | 1660 | Instrument of Sasine |
| A1266.006 | 1684 | Charter by Alexander Earl of Callander confirming a disposition dated 22nd September 1684 by deceased David Oswald of Dalderse to John Knox, merchant in Bo'ness of a fifth part of the lands of Falkirk with the large house lately built by Mr Andrew Oswald advocate, father of the said David together with homes and shops possessed by John Grahame and Patrick Leishman in the north side of Falkirk on the east side of the Kirk Wynd |

Paxton family papers

The Paxton Family lived at 10 Queen St, Falkirk. The parents were William and Janet Paxton. The children Elizabeth, William, James, Alexander and John all attended Victoria school with John going on to attend Falkirk High School where he attained qualifications in Chemical Science and Mathematics.

The eldest son William Paxton was, after leaving school, employed by Grahamston & Bainsford Co-operative Society as a van man (horse drawn). He enlisted with the 1/7 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders some time after his 18th birthday probably in late 1917 or early 1918. He died on 30 Aug 1918 at 42nd Casualty Clearing Station of wounds sustained at the last battle of Arras. He is buried at Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, 7 1/2 mile north west of Arras, France.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1890.001	19 Aug 1913	School Leaving Certificate awarded to William Paxton by the managers of Victoria School
A1890.002	24 May 1918	Letter from Pte William Paxton, 1/7 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, Convalescent Depot, Trouville, France to his parents [William and Jane Paxton], 10 Queen St, Falkirk advising that he is enjoying his convalescence "at one of France's best seaside resort" , with enclosed postcard showing view of Trouville and also envelope
A1890.003	9 Aug 1918	Letter from Pte William Paxton, 1/7 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, [France] to his parents [William and Jane Paxton], mentioning that he "was 19 yesterday so I can say I am a right soldier now", asking that they send the Falkirk Herald
A1890.004	(1918) {nd}	Embroidered Greetings Card from [Private William Paxton, 1/7 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, France] to his mother [Janet Paxton], card embroidered "To my dear mother from your loving son" with floral design, endorsed "from Willie", small printed card inserted under flap on front of card
A1890.005	(1918) {nd}	Embroidered Greetings Card from [Private William Paxton, 1/7 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, France to his father], card embroidered "Souvenir from France", with allied flags and floral design, endorsed "from Willie" and "Mr Wm Pa[xton]"
A1890.006	5 Sep 1918	Letter from the Infantry Record Office, Perth to William Paxton [senior] advising that the Private William Paxton, [1/7] Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders had died from wounds at 42nd Casualty Clearing Station, France on 30 Aug 1918
A1890.007	14 Sep 1918	Front page from Falkirk Herald containing intimation of the death of Private William Paxton
A1890.008	8 Nov 1918	Letter from Infantry Record Office, Perth to [William Paxton senior] advising that the late Private William Paxton [1/7] Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders is buried at Aubigny Cemetery Extension, 7 1/2 miles north west of Arras, north France

A1890.009	1919	Memorial scroll presented by the Burgh of Falkirk to the mother [Janet Paxton] of Private William Paxton [1/7] Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
A1890.010	(Early 1920s) {nd}}	Memorial scroll of Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France showing name of Private William Paxton, 1/7 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, who was buried there
A1890.011	1920	Official Memorial scroll of Private William Paxton, [1/7] Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, issued to next of kin, also uncompleted acknowledgement slip issued by Infantry Record Office, Perth believed to be in respect of the above scroll; also two identical letters from Buckingham Palace with facsimile signature of King George one sent to accompany Official Memorial Scroll and the other to accompany the Next of Kin Memorial Plaque; also including original cardboard tube in which scroll was sent
A1890.012	24 Jul 1920	Letter from William J Clark, Manager, Grahamston & Bainsford Co-operative Society Ltd sent to Mr and Mrs [William and Janet] Paxton to accompany an enlarged, framed photograph of their son Private William Paxton, [1/7 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders] who had died in World War I [photograph still with donor]
A1890.013	1 Aug 1921	Letter from [Infantry] Record Office, Perth, to William Paxton senior, sent to accompany the British War and Victory Medals which had been awarded posthumously to Private William Paxton, [1/7] Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
A1890.014	1923	Register of the names of those who fell in World War I and are buried in Aubigny Communal Extension, France, including the name of Private William Paxton of 1/7 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders; also letter from Imperial War Graves Commission, London sent to William Paxton [senior] to accompany the above, also envelope
A1890.015	(1918) {nd}	Piece of paper torn in half with notes on location of the grave of Private William Paxton and also written "they missed you most who loved you best" which was the part of the inscription from the headstone of Private William Paxton at Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France
A1890.016	29 Dec 1915	School Leaving Certificate awarded to Elizabeth Paxton by the managers of Victoria School
A1890.017	110 Jan 1918	School Leaving Certificate awarded to Alexander Paxton by the managers of Victoria School
A1890.018	1 Jan 1920	School Leaving Certificate awarded to James Paxton by the managers of Victoria School
A1890.019	1930	Certificate awarded to John Paxton for Continuation Classes in Chemical Science at Falkirk High school

A1890.020	1 May 1930	Certificate awarded to John Paxton for Continuation Classes in Chemical Science Mathematics at Falkirk High School in affiliation with The Royal Technical College Scotland
A1890.021	1931	Certificate awarded to John Paxton for Continuation Classes in Chemical Science at Falkirk High School
A1890.022	(1914-1918) {nd}	Embroidered Greetings Card from [Private] A[lexander] Chalmers to his aunt and uncle [Janet and William Paxton], card embroidered with motto "Friendship" with Union Jack and floral design, small printed Christmas Greetings card inserted under flap on front of card

Tom Penman Personal Papers

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A276.01	25 Sep 1923	Poem "In Memory of No 23 Redding Colliery Disaster, Lower Redding, Stirlingshire"

Porteous Collection

Robert Porteous was a local historian of Grangemouth. He published two books *Grangemouth's Ancient Heritage* and *Grangemouth's Modern History* and wrote numerous articles for the local newspaper on Grangemouth's history. He worked for BP.

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<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A007.008/01	nd	Series of photocopies of plans of Grangemouth and area
A007.008/03	nd	Photocopy of newspaper article : intimation of petition by householders in Grangemouth to Sheriff of Stirlingshire to fix Grangemouth boundaries
A007.028	nd	Paper bag overprinted with advertisement for Jorgen Fischer, Family Bread and Biscuit Baker and Confectioner, 13 Canal St, Grangemouth
A007.025	(14th Century)	Transcript of the Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, Vol 1, p564, No II. Charter of Confirmation , 1382, giving Barony of West Kerse to William of Menteith and approximate translation of charter granting in liferent the lands of the Barony of Kerse to Sir Thomas Hope of Kerse
A007.029	Circa 1748- Circa 1792	Elevation. A greenhouse for Gen'l Bland. Robert Adam, architect
A007.021/01	26 Jun 1790	Letter, Joseph Bogue, Grangemouth [merchant] to James Fraser Esq, Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh. Relates to financial transactions
A007.021/02	06 Sep 1793	Letter, Joseph Bogue, Grangemouth [merchant] to James Fraser Esq, Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh. Relates to financial transactions
A007.022	01 Aug 1812	Indenture and Charterparty of Affreightment

		between John Eadie, Master of sloop, "Mary and Ann" of Kincardine and Francis Standfield Symons of Falmouth for transport of cargo to London
A674.020	01 Aug 1834	Intimation of intention to prosecute bathers in the Forth & Clyde Canal between 8am and 8pm, from 400 yards west of Lock 16 to Grangemouth. Also covering letter to Robert Porteous
A007.008/02	18 Aug 1841	Letter, George C Coats, Canal Office, Grangemouth to Mr James Bulloch, Bainsford Bridge, Falkirk. Relates to discrepancies in accounts
A007.031/01	Mar 1846	Notice. Roup of Tolls. Announcement of let of tolls at Beancross, Kerse, Kersie, Dalgrain, Check-bar and Avonbridge
A007.031/02	Mar 1846	Notice. Roup of Tolls. Announcement of let of tolls at Beancross, Kerse, Kersie, Dalgrain, Check-bar and Avonbridge
A674.014	1869-1870	Bill of lading and customs receipt for shipment of 436 old tyres from Grangemouth to Newcastle
A007.023	22 Nov 1873	Extract from Falkirk Herald "Restaurant and Reading Room for the Port". Report on meeting of merchants and others of Grangemouth to establish a restaurant and reading room for working men at the Port
A007.030	1878	Printed memorial card for Ann Tulloch, spouse of Alexander Hardie, Middle St, Grangemouth, d. 27 June 1878
A007.024	12 May 1900	Grangemouth Advertiser
A007.027	1919	Burgh of Grangemouth Roll of Honour containing names of those who died and names of those who served. The Great war, 1914-1919
A674.001	(1940s)- (1950s)	Notebook containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Includes notes on John Bellenden of Auchnoull, 1544; Burne, Burn, 1699; Thomas Dundas of Powfoulis, d. 1762; Forrester Family, 1463-1550; Marquis of Zetland: Cartulary of Cambuskenneth; Livingston, 1560-597.
A674.002	(1940s)- (1950s)	Notebook "Farming" containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Includes notes on "Diary in Register House, Edinburgh, 1774" (Grange Estate), measurement of arable land, extracts from the Gentleman Farmer by Henry Home, ploughing, 1746 and extracts from Scottish Farming in the 18th century by James E Handley
A674.003	(1940s)- (1950s)	Notebook "Industry" containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Also contains list of contents of notebooks
A674.004	(1940s)- (1950s)	Notebook containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Contains notes on Wholeflats, Reddoch, Grangemouth Free Church Mission Hall, Zetland Free Church, Grangemouth churches
A674.005	(1940s)-	Notebook containing index to notebooks of ms

A674.006	(1950s) (1940s)- (1950s)	research notes of Robert Porteous Notebook containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Includes book lists, genealogy of Henry de Stirling, extract from diary of Sir Thomas Hope concerning refusal of Falkirk Parish Session to allow burial of his grandchild
A674.007	(1940s)- (1950s)	Notebook containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Includes additions and corrections to Grangemouth's Ancient Heritage, Scottish castles, Grangemouth and the Ice Age, Grangemouth in Roman Times, extracts from books, Stirlings of Kerse, Menteith family, 1621-1660, Kerse Castle, Dundas Family, Stirlings of West Kerse, Grangemouth shipping, Grangemouth Dock, opening of Grange School, Calatria, Grangemouth by Robert Gillespies, 1879, extracts from charters and documents 1143-1540, ms foreword for Grangemouth's Ancient Heritage.
A674.008	(1940s)- (1950s)	Notebook containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Includes notes on the Charlotte Dundas, West Saltcoals, Barony of West Kerse, Sir William Bellenden, rent roll of Hamilton's lands, Kerse charter (in Latin), Charter of West Kerse, 1233?, history of canal, drying green complaint in 1889, Thomas Wilson and construction of first iron boat, Polmont 1841. Also contains index
A674.010	(1940s)- (1950s)	Notebook containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Contains transcripts of Privy Council records, 1345-1601
A674.011	(1940s)- (1950s)	Notebook containing ms research notes of Robert Porteous. Contains notes on Falkirk Parish records. Also contains copies of personal correspondence with the Gas Board
A674.012	(1940s)- (1950s)	Typescript transcripts of Charters of Holyrood and copy and translation of charter to James, Marquis of Hamilton concerning the lands of Polmont and Kerse
A007.010	(Circa 1950s)	Article "Fire Prevention" on the history of the fire brigade in Grangemouth. Concentrates on 1872-1928 (based on town council minutes)
A007.011	(Circa 1950s)	Article : "Education" on history of schools in Grangemouth
A007.012	(Circa 1950s)	Articles on drainage and sanitation in Grangemouth
A007.013	(Circa 1950s)	Article "Parks and Property" on the history of public parks in and near Grangemouth and on Grangemouth Stadium
A007.014	(Circa 1950s)	Report "Bakelite Xylonite Limited. Background information on Bakelite Polyethylene". Includes section on the development of the Grangemouth site
A007.016	(Circa 1950s)	Article "Shameful Traffic" on trade in horses for horsemeat

A007.020	(Circa 1950)	Photocopy of article in the Grangemouth Gazette and Tracing of map of Grangemouth area showing farms, c. 1650
A674.017	(1950s)- (1960s)	Research notes of Robert Porteous concerning education, estates and merchants. Includes notes on the Education Acts, schoolmasters' accounts, definitions of different types of teachers, lists of owners of East Saltcoals, Mid Saltcoals, West Saltcoals or South Powdrake, North Powdrake, Overton, Oswald Saltival, Eisling, Monteith, Randiford Overton, Candy Upper and Candy Over, (1530s-1930s)
A674.019	(1950s)- (1960s)	Research notes of Robert Porteous on Grangemouth public health - drainage, sanitation and hospitals
A674.021	(1950s)- (1960s)	Typescript notes on the Burgh of Barony of West Kerse, granted 1643
A674.032	(1950s)- (1960s)	Research notes of Robert Porteous on Grangemouth local history. MS copies of newspaper articles.
A674.033	(1950s)- (1960s)	Research notes of Robert Porteous on Grangemouth local history. Includes typescript "Ecclesiastical history of Grangemouth, 1140-1740", notes on Grangemouth coal company, maps of Grangemouth, picture of Grangemouth Docks, Abbotskerse and other notes
A674.034	(1950s)- (1960s)	Research notes of Robert Porteous on Grangemouth local history. Includes Monteith family, canals, farms, extracts from Privy Council records, Grangemouth's police and other notes.
A674.035	(1950s)- (1960s)	Research notes of Robert Porteous on Grangemouth local history. Includes photocopy of Grangemouth Gazette and Falkirk News, 5 Sept 1878, notes on the Burgh of Barony of West Kerse, typescript population statistics for Grangemouth, 1803-1961 (taken from census) and precognition of William McBride Duncan, CA, in parliamentary hearings at committee stage of proposed extension of Grangemouth Burgh boundaries in 1960s
A674.036	(1950s)- (1960s)	Research notes of Robert Porteous on Grangemouth local history. Includes population statistics for Grangemouth, 1784-1968, history of Polmont Parish Church, Grangemouth water supplies and water works, sanitation, Grangemouth aerodrome, police force, list of bridges, bomb dropped on Bowhouse, rainfall statistics.
A007.015/01	(Circa 1960s)	Articles on the Kirk of the Holy Rood, Grangemouth and St Mary's Episcopal Church, Grangemouth
A007.015/02	(Circa 1960s)	Typed transcript of extracts from the Charters of Holyrood, published by the Bannatyne Club, 1840
A007.017/01	(Circa 1960s)	Article "Local Volunteers" on the history of the

A007.017/02	(Circa 1960s)	Grangemouth Volunteer Artillery Corps. Articles "Grangemouth Aerodrome" and "The Great War".
A007.018	(Circa 1960s)	Article "Coats-of-Arms" on the history of the Grangemouth coat of arms and the use of previous seals and coats of arms. Also short articles on Grangemouth Burgh Court Hall, Community Halls and Municipal Buildings
A007.019	(Circa 1960s)	Photocopy of article in the Grangemouth Gazette and Falkirk News on Grangemouth municipal election. Also includes typescript list of Grangemouth Chief magistrates and provosts, 1872-1964
A007.008/04 A674.013	Circa 1960 1957-1972	Missing List of Grangemouth bridges Correspondence of Robert Porteous with National Museums of Scotland, R H Campbell, Burgh of Grangemouth, Royal Commission of Ancient and Historic Monuments and others. Includes letters relating to setting up of Grangemouth Burgh Museum in 1962.
A674.029	1957-1962	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles by Robert Porteous. Includes old ferries of Grangemouth, the lands of Wholeflats, Haining Castle, Grangemouth schools, harbours and wharves of Grangemouth, shipbuilding in Grangemouth, Grangemouth in the 18th century, Grangemouth place names, the Reddocks, Carron and Grange rivers, plans of Grangemouth, baronies and regalities, election speech by Robert Porteous.
A674.015	1958-1966	Newscuttings, mainly from the Grangemouth Advertiser, and mainly written by Robert Porteous, concerning the Battle of Falkirk, the funeral of the Laird of Abbotshaugh, the stag in Grangemouth's coat of arms, Grange football team, Zetland Villa football team, Grangemouth Bowling Club and local elections
A674.018	1959	Newscuttings of articles by Robert Porteous published in the Grangemouth Advertiser. Includes Local organisations in 1836, the Colonel and the chimney sweep, Wholeflats, Scotland's first iron boats, coming of age of Lord Dundas, George Waddell, the House of Zetland, origin of Grangemouth street names, Grangemouth's early industries, the Forth & Clyde Canal
A674.022	1959	Newscuttings of articles by Robert Porteous on coal pits, Grangemouth wet dock, the mythical name of Sealock and the Mackay family
A007.009	1959	Centenary souvenir, Lodge Zetland No 391, 1859-1959. Contains historical sketch of Lodge, Roll of Installed Members with menu and programme for centenary celebration dinner
A674.026	1960-1963	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles reprinted from sixty and fifty years previously. Articles from 1900, 1901, 1903 and 1911

A674.031	1960-1967	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles by Robert Porteous. Includes articles on the Barony of West Kerse, churches, industry, the Burgh Museum, the canal, early burgh history, medieval history of area, social service in Grangemouth and miscellaneous other articles.
A674.025	1961	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles by Robert Porteous on the Barony of West Kerse and the Menteith family
A674.030	1961-1967	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles reprinted from sixty and fifty years previously. Articles from 1901-1917
A674.016	1963-1964	Newscuttings of "A Peep into the Past", regular column in the Grangemouth Advertiser. Includes sanitation, health, canal voyage, new streets, death of Polmont headmaster, Provost honoured, 1903-1913
A674.023	1963	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles reprinted from sixty and fifty years previously. Includes school board, new swing bridge, soap work fire, new cricket pitch, new shops, all from 1903-1913
A674.024	1963-1964	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles by Robert Porteous. Includes articles on avoiding conscription by Grangemouth men, John Monteith of Kerse and the murder of Rizzio, opening of Kingseat Avenue bridge over Grange burn, abduction of James Menteith, 1549
A674.028	1963	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles by Robert Porteous on Farms and Farming in the Old Days
A007.032	18 Apr 1963	Letter (photocopy) Audrey Marshall, National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland to R Porteous, 8 Burnbank Rd, Grangemouth relating to medieval pottery found at Grangemouth aerodrome
A674.027	1967	Newscuttings of Grangemouth Advertiser articles reprinted from sixty and fifty years previously. Articles from 1907 and 1917. Also articles by Robert Porteous, including Grangemouth's coat of arms, law and order and the old fire brigade.
A007.007	1972	Unpublished article "The Carron". Contains chapters on the River Carron and shipping, and the Forth & Clyde Canal
A007.026	1972	Typescript record of Grangemouth rainfall, compiled by Robert Porteous and working notes, 1856-1972
A007.033	Jul 1973	Article "The Development of Grangemouth Docks" (See also A423.001/01)

Ailsa Porter Collection

Ailsa Porter came from the Falkirk area. She worked as an air hostess on BEA in the 1950s and 1960s. Examples of her uniform and other related objects are held by Falkirk Museums.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A990.006	1950s	Newspaper articles about the work of an air hostess on BEA flights. Written by Ailsa Patterson (See FALKM 1998-11)
A990.007	1951	Photocopy of BEA contract for A Thomson as Trainee Steward and photocopy of photograph in uniform (See FALKM 1998-11)
A990.003	1960s	Cocktail instruction leaflet for cabin crew on BEA planes. (See FALKM 1998-11)
A990.004	1960s	Drinks mat for BEA planes. (See FALKM 1998-11)
A990.001	1961	Publicity leaflet for the British European Airways Vanguard plane by Vickers. (See FALKM 1998-11)
A990.002	1961	Safety leaflet for passengers on the British European Airways Vanguard plane by Vickers. (See FALKM 1998-11)
A990.005	1961	Publicity postcards of BEA aeroplanes (See FALKM 1998-11)

Leonard Porter Personal Papers

Leonard Porter was an employee of BP, Grangemouth, and local amateur archaeologist.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A467.01	1990	Typescript report "An investigation of crop marks in aerial photograph Ref No 79-7-52" by Leonard Porter

William Proffit papers

William Proffit (b. 1908) was a patternmaker at Smith & Wellstood and later worked at John G Stein & Co, making moulds for bricks for ships. He was also a member of a running club, played hockey, fished, went shooting and kept bees. Other family members were involved in Banknock Colliery brass band. He was a member of Dennyloanhead Church

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1029.001	(1950s)	Kodak photograph wallet overprinted with "R Gordon Drummond, 72 High Street, Falkirk" and pencil name "Mr Proffit"
A1029.002	(1950s)	Kodak photograph wallet overprinted with "Mitchell N Hunter, Callendar Riggs, Falkirk" and pencil name "Mr Proffit"
A1036.001	04/09/29	Printed record of the Social Meeting and Presentation to mark the Ministerial Jubilee of Rev David Keir, MA, Dennyloanhead UF Church, July 1 1879-July 1 1929.
A1036.002	1923	Dennyloanhead United Free Church. Annual Report

A1036.003	(1920s) {nd}	Rustic Rhymes by David Keir. Proceeds to Dennyloanhead Church Building Fund
A1036.004	(1920s) {nd}	Rustic Rhymes by David Keir. Proceeds to Dennyloanhead Church Building Fund
A1036.005	26/11/19	"Retrospect 1879-1919" Lecture given to meeting of Church Guild held in Muirhead Memorial Hall
A1036.006	17/11/20	"My Reminiscences" Lecture given to meeting of Church Guild held in Muirhead Memorial Hall
A1036.007	19/10/21	"Then and Now. Dennyloanhead, Bonnybridge, Hags and the surrounding district - past and present" Lecture given to meeting of Church Guild held in Muirhead Memorial Hall
A1036.008	25/10/22	"A Medley of Memories" Lecture given to meeting of Church Guild held in Muirhead Memorial Hall
A1036.009	06 Mar 1914- 07 Mar 1914	Banknock Colliery Brass Band Sale of Work in Dennyloanhead Public School
A1036.010/01	01/07/48	Smith & Wellstood Magazine
A1036.010/02	01/10/48	Smith & Wellstood Magazine
A1036.010/03	01/01/49	Smith & Wellstood Magazine
A1036.010/04	01/03/49	Smith & Wellstood Magazine
A1036.011/01	1960	Advertising leaflet for Rayburn Open Fire
A1036.011/02	1961	Advertising leaflet for Rayburn room heater
A1036.011/03	1959	Advertising leaflet for Toreena approved fire
A1036.011/04	1960	Advertising leaflet for Leisure 60 cooker
A1036.011/05	1961	Advertising leaflet for Electric fire Main 701
A1036.011/06	1962	Advertising leaflet for Main Vanguard electric fan heater
A1036.011/07	1962	Advertising leaflet "Live Modern with Main" for various domestic appliances
A1036.012	1950s	Advertising leaflet "Clean Air and You"
A1036.013	1945	Patternmaking. A short history, its development and future. Author : W B Heard, General Secretary of the United Patternmakers Association
A1036.014	1911	The Principles of Ironfounding and Foundry Metallography. Authors : A Hummboldt Sexton and John S G Primrose
A1036.015/01	11 Jun 1932	Invitation for Mrs George Proffit to the opening of Falkirk & District Infirmary
A1036.015/02	1930s	Newscutting with photograph of group of people at dance in Bonnybridge in aid of Falkirk & District Royal Infirmary
A1036.016	1935	Unused diary produced by John G Stein & Co, containing technical details of bricks and their uses with other general data.
A1036.017	1937	Receipted accounts of Daniel J Johnstone, house furnisher, Station Buildings, Glebe St, Falkirk with William

		Proffit
A1036.018/01	1947	National identity card of William Proffit
A1036.018/02	1943	National identity card of Agnes Proffit, Gardenhead, Polmont
A1036.019	1940	National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939. Certificate of registration for William Proffit
A1036.020	1930s-1960s	National Health and Pension Insurance. Members Record Card
A1036.021	1938-1983	Member's share book for Falkirk & District United Co-op Society Ltd issued to Agnes Proffit
A1036.022	1927-1928	Bonnybridge Hockey Club fixtures list, 1927-1928
A1036.023	Jun 1953	Receipted invoices. Lane & Girvan Ltd, relating to sale of a Caledo stove and pipes
A1036.024	1936-1970	Registration books for various motorcycles and related photo and information
A1036.025	(1960s) {nd}	Polmont Horticultural Society Annual Show. First Prize Certificate awarded to Joyce Proffit.
A1036.026	12 May 1948	Programme for Girls Life Brigade (1st Polmont Co) Country Dance
A1036.027	1927	Annual report
A1036.028	(Early 20th Century) {nd}	Trial of Thomas Anderson. Extracts from trial for murder of Jean Lindsay in June 1880, edited by William Gentles, former Inspector of Poor and Registrar, Slamannan.
A1036.029	1950s-1960s	Vehicle Registration Cards for motor bikes and cars owned by William Proffitt. Includes some photographs of vehicles
A1312.001	1940	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association
A1312.002	1943	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association
A1312.003	1943	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association
A1312.004	1945-1946	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association
A1312.005	1947-1948	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association
A1312.006	1947-1948	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association
A1312.007	1965-1966	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association
A1312.008	1969-1970	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association
A1312.009	1971-1972	Contribution card of William Proffit, member of the United Patternmakers Association

A1312.010	1946	Proceedings of conference between the United Patternmakers' Association and the Engineering and Allied Employers' National Federation
A1312.011	1946-1949	Correspondence and application for import licence relating to import of bees from France and the Netherlands. (Donor information - William Proffit kept bees on Callendar Estate)
A1312.012	1962-1972	Driving licence of William Proffit
A1312.013	1972-1975	Driving licence of William Proffit
A1312.014	1990-1993	Driving licence of William Proffit
A1312.015	1957	Driving licence of Agnes Proffit
A1312.017	1946-1947	Bank book of Stein's Patternmakers' Holiday Fund (William Proffit, Secretary), account held in Falkirk & Counties Trustee Savings Bank

Gerard Quail Collection

Gerard Quail trained at the Glasgow College of Art, and has been a working potter. This led a significant interest in pottery history, and his publications include *The Cumnock Pottery* (1993).

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A044.16		Photocopy of adverts for John Marshall & Co, Earthenware Manufacturers, Bo'ness Pottery
A044.17		Typescript article "The Borrowstounness Potters Wage Dispute" by G.Quail
A373.01	1785-1915	Typescript and ms biographical notes on Peter Gardner, potter, Dunmore. Includes extract of Kirk Session minutes, (SRO Ref: CH 2/683/2)
A044.01	1796	Photocopy of extract registered agreement between Thomas Cowan, proprietor of pottery in Borrowstounness and James Anderson potter [employment contract]
A044.03	09 Feb 1797	Photocopy of petition to Court of Session of James Anderson, potter in Borrowstounness against Lord Craig's interlocutor on behalf of Thomas Cowan
A044.02	10 Mar 1797	Photocopy of petition to Court of Session of Thomas Cowan, merchant in Borrowstounness against James Anderson, potter reclaiming against interlocutor of the Inner House
A044.11	(19th Century)	Photocopy of newscutting and typed notes relating to lease of pottery and dwelling house in Bo'ness following sequestration of James Cuming & Co
A044.13	(Circa 1827)	Photocopy of typescript notes and newscutting relating to sequestration of estates of James Cuming & Co
A044.12	1826	Photocopy of extracts from Court of Session valuation of stock utensils and materials at works [J.Cuming & Co] (SRO Ref:CS236/23/4)
A044.10	1826-1827	Photocopy of typed and ms notes relating to accounts and photocopy of extracts from Court of Session showing debts due by James Cuming, 1826-1827 (SRO Ref: CS 236/23/4)

A044.14	(Early 20th Century)	Photocopy of p.64 of "The Pottery Gazette and Glass Trade review" with advert for Charles W. McNay & Sons Bridgeness Pottery, Bo'ness)
A044.15	01 Dec 1904	Photocopy of pp1335-6 of "The Pottery Gazette" with article on Charles W. McNay & Sons, Bridgeness Pottery, Bo'ness
A044.07	1967	Article "Nineteenth Century Pottery and Porcelain in Canada" by Elizabeth Collard
A044.06	1975	Letter, P.M.Cadell, National Library of Scotland to W. A. Cadell of Grange, relating to potteries in Bridgeness, with attached photocopied documents concerning title to land occupied by West Lothian Pottery Co Ltd
A044.05	1975	Typescript article on the West Lothian Pottery Co Ltd, 1896-1930 by Gerard Quail (Duplicate of A044.08)
A044.08	1978	Typescript article on the West Lothian Lottery Co Ltd, 1896-1930 by Gerard Quail (Duplicate of A044.05)
A044.04	Jul 1978	Photocopy of article on the Borrowstounness potters wage dispute by Gerard Quail
A044.09	1979	Typescript article "Bo'ness Industrial Co-operative Company Ltd, Grangepans" by G. Quail for Scottish Society Newsletter, April 1979

Edith Reid Personal Papers

Edith Reid came from Grangemouth and was on active service in the Second World War

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1357.001	Nov 1947	Burgh of Grangemouth Certificate of Honour issued to Edith M Reid

John Reid Personal Papers

John Reid worked as an art teacher at Graeme High School and is an active local Falkirk historian and member of the Falkirk Local History Society.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A269.01	1980s	Article "The Stent Masters of Falkirk", c 1701-1850
A542.01	1945	Photocopy of certificate "The citizens of Bonnybridge and District welcome you home" issued to John Reid (snr)

Helen Rennie Personal Papers

Helen Rennie was a Falkirk resident. This item was collected as an example of local First World War memorabilia.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A357.01	1918	Christmas card. Celebrates end of First World War

Robb Family Papers

The Robb family were Falkirk residents. These items were collected as examples of civil defence and national registration.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A583.01	(Circa 1946)- (1951) {nd}	Women's Voluntary Service "One in Five" civil defence pack
A583.04	1946-1949	National Registration Identity Card for Jean McC Robb
A583.03	1946; 1949	National Registration Identity Card of Alastair C.B. Robb
A583.05	1953?	Women's Voluntary Service leaflet "Survival" with instructions on survival in event of a nuclear explosion
A583.02	1959	Membership certificate of Stirlingshire Division Civil Defence Corps for Mrs C.S. Robb

N Robertson Personal Papers

N Robertson was a resident of Falkirk. This item was collected as an example of rationing.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A431.003	1945-1946	Clothing ration book of N Robertson, 71 Dollar Ave, Falkirk

Allan Robertson Collection

Allan Robertson was a resident of Grangemouth.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A766.001	(1980s)	Text of talk given to Women's Guild by Allan Robertson based on notes from the diary of P C Jimmie Valentine of Grangemouth
A766.002	(1980s)	Poem "Grangemouth" by Allan Robertson
A766.003	(1980s)	Copy of letter to the editor (Falkirk Herald?) relating to PC Jimmie Valentine of Grangemouth and biographical notes
A421.01	21 Nov 1989	Photocopy of letter, Allan Robertson, Grangemouth to Grangemouth Library concerning personal memories of the "Splash", Grangemouth

Donald Robertson Collection

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A299.01/01	(19th Century)	"Brown's Edition of Robertson's selection of sacred music"
A299.01/03	1872	"222 Popular Scottish Songs"
A299.01/02	(1880s)	"Sacred Songs and Solos"

Mrs Jessie N W Robertson Collection

Jessie N W Robertson became a teacher in Maddiston School, Falkirk, after death of her husband, John Robertson, coal merchant, Maddiston. She retired to Leithholm, Scottish Borders, in early 1950s (?)

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| A784.001/01 | (1940s)-
(1950s) | School pupil's (?) project scrapbook on Falkirk history from 1707, "The Social, Economic and Industrial History of Falkirk" Contains postcards and illustrations from published books (Carron Co leaflets and other unknown sources) |
| A786.001/02 | (1940s)-
(1950s) | Envelope addressed to Robertson, Maddiston. Annotated "Merry X from Evelyn". Contained scrapbook on Falkirk history project |

Robert Robertson Personal Papers

Robert Robertson was a merchant seaman.

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| A882.001 | 03 Jul 1939 | Certificate of Discharge of a Seaman not discharged before a Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine Office, issued to Robert Robertson, Cabin Boy on the SS Carron |
| A882.002 | 04 Sep 1939 | Certificate of Discharge of a Seaman not discharged before a Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine Office, issued to Robert Robertson, Cabin Boy on the SS Carron |

David Ronald Personal Papers

David Ronald was born in Falkirk in 1874 and died in 1960. He studied at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow and then became an apprentice at John Brown's, Clydebank and then returned to Falkirk as an apprentice civil engineer with Falkirk Town Council and Falkirk & Larbert Water Trust. He was appointed Falkirk Burgh Surveyor and Master of Works in 1898 and in 1900 was appointed Burgh Engineer. He also acted as Sanitary Inspector from 1898 to 1900. He moved to the Local Government Board for Scotland in 1913 and held various appointments in the civil service and later became a partner in a firm of consulting engineers

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| A010.186 | 1829 | "Tables for converting the weights and measures hitherto in use in Great Britain into those of the Imperial Standards established by the recent Act of Parliament also for converting the many rates of each weight and measure..." by George Buchanan, Published by Daniel Lizars, 1829. Annotated "To David Ronald Esq from M Paton 25 Jany 1905" |
| A010.129 | 1950s | Typescript memoirs of David Ronald, Falkirk Burgh Engineer |

Ross Family Papers

The history of the owners of these items is unknown. The items were collected as examples of Victorian scrapbooks.

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| A677.002 | Circa
1880-1882 | Victorian Scrapbook. Includes pressed flowers, verse and Victorian scraps |
| A677.001 | 23 Jul
1882 | Victorian scrapbook, inscribed "Alexander's Scrap Book, with kind love from Uncle Jamie, Dundee 23 July 1882. All to himself" Contains Victorian Scraps. |

Roy family papers

William Roy was a timber merchant in Bo'ness. Mrs Margaret Roy or Marshall was possibly the sister of William Roy and was married to Captain James Marshall and they lived in Waggon Road, Bo'ness. In 1838 Margaret Roy inherited the estate of her sister, Grace. Assuming his wife would outlive him Captain James Marshall entered into a post-nuptial contract with his wife where he waived his inheritance rights, which meant that on her death he did not automatically inherit her estate. James Roy, baker in Bo'ness may have been the brother of William and Margaret. James Roy was married to Agnes Brown.

James Jarvie was a shoremaster in Leith and William Roy is named as one of the Trustees of his estate.

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| A771.001 | 04 Jun 1847-
04 Mar 1853 | Waste book of William Roy, Senior. Contains accounts with details of timber and other products supplied to named customers. Also includes note of bills and receipts |
| A771.002 | 1848 | Confirmed Testament of James Roy, baker in Bo'ness |
| A771.003 | 01 Feb 1853-
03 Dec 1856 | Papers regarding the sale of the timber business of William Roy of Bo'ness and other correspondence relating to claims on his estate. |
| A771.004 | 07 Feb 1868-
09 Jun 1876 | Papers relating to the estate of Mrs Margaret Roy or Marshall of Bo'ness including inventories of effects, list of property and Case for the opinion of Counsel. |
| A771.005 | 20 Oct 1814-
08 Nov 1854 | Trust papers, including accounts, relating to the estate of James Jarvie, shoremaster in Leith. William Roy is one of the Trustees. |

Russell Family papers

John Russell was a farmer in Slamannan, Falkirk, in the 18th century. He married Mary Speirs (See Speirs Family Papers)

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| A329.001 | Circa 1732-
1880 | Photocopy of printed genealogy of the family of John Russell of Slamannan and Mary Speirs, his spouse. |
| A329.002 | Circa 1890-
1910 | Photocopies of photographs of members of the Russell family |

Alexander Russell papers

Alexander Russel was a school pupil in Camelon

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| A1067.001 | 6 May 1891 | Camelon Public School certificate of merit awarded to Alexander Russell for 5th standard |
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