

## FALKIRK ARCHIVES

### **Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid(24) Papers of the Rennie and Walker families, 1776-1875**

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

#### Family history

James Rennie was a Miller and owner of Grahamston Mills. He married Mary Cook, daughter of John Cook (see part 23 of Russel & Aitken Papers finding aids). They had three children: John Cook Rennie, grain merchant, Mary Gaff Rennie who married John Russel (later Provost John Russel, of Russel & Aitken), and Margaret Walker Rennie. He died in 1855 and his widow died in 1874.

His sister, Helen Rennie married Thomas Walker of Cloybank, near Denny, and they had one daughter, Margaret. Thomas Walker died in 1868 after some months of illness and disputes over his executry produced the papers in this collection. His nephew in law, Hugh MacPherson of Slafarquhar, farmer and cattle dealer, (husband of Margaret Kirkwood, Thomas's niece) was Executor Nominated, but Thomas's widow, Helen, acted against MacPherson's wishes and Macpherson took out a court action against her. She died in 1869 and her nephew John Cook Rennie of Gowanbank was Executor of her estate. Robert Campbell Writer, Stirling, acted for Hugh MacPherson while Russel & Aitken acted for Helen Walker.

There was also a second dispute involving Thomas Walker's estate. William Harley, another nephew of Helen Walker, looked after Thomas Walker as personal attendant for several months before his death and made a claim on estate for wages. William Harley claimed that Hugh MacPherson of Slafarquhar as Executor Nominated of the deceased Thomas Walker owed and refused to pay him the sum of 23 pounds eight shillings per account.

#### Scope & Contents Note

Papers relating to Grahamston Mills, executry papers of James Rennie, Mary Cook, Helen Rennie or Walker and Thomas Walker and papers relating to court cases, High MacPherson vs Helen Walker and William Harley vs Hugh MacPherson. Also some papers of Thomas Walker's relatives, William Kirkwood and family, and apparently unrelated papers of Thomas Kier

Date range: 1776-1875

Reference Code: A1824

#### Item list

A1824.001	1855-1875	James Rennie's Executry Papers. Includes Inventory & Valuation of the household furniture, bed and table napery which belonged to the late James Rennie, Mutual Disposition & Settlement by James Rennie and Spouse in favour of themselves in liferent and John Cook Rennie (their son), bond and plan showing
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| A1824.002 | 1801-1874 | Grahamston Mills, signed by John C Rennie. Papers relating to Rennie family and Grahamston Flour Mills. Includes Articles of Roup of Grahamston Flour Mills, Lease of Grahamston Mills for ten years from 1841 between James Rennie (residing at Grahamston and heritable proprietor of the Mills) and William Aitken (Miller, Dalkeith Mills), Bond and Disposition in security by John and James Fleemings (residing in Grahamston) to George Kincaid of Bellsdyke and plans of Grahamston Mills, 1801 and 1873 (Alex Black), Bond and disposition, James Rennie to Robert Adam, factor for the late William Rennie's Trustees, in security of £2,500, and disposition and settlement by Helen Walker in favour of John Cook Rennie. Also includes instrument of sasine, 1804, by James Aitken, witnessed by James Russel, "my apprentice". |
| A1824.003 | 1837-1896 | Miscellaneous papers of Rennie and Cook families. Includes letter, John Cook Rennie to James Rennie, 1832; allotment of shares from the secretary of the Union Club Ltd to John Cook Rennie, 1896; account of expense of process William Renny against Mr Ogilvy: Contract of marriage between John Williamson and Margaret Cubie, 1837 where James Rennie is listed as one of the Trustees of John Williamson's children from his first marriage; bond, John Johnston to Mrs Cubie, 1837 relating to 1829 trust disposition and settlement by John Cook. Also includes apparently unrelated series of letters, Duncanson, Stirling to Thomas Kier, 1876.   |
| A1824.004 | 1793-1875 | Mrs Mary Cook or Rennie's Executry Papers. Includes extract registration of birth of Mary Cook, 1793, extract registration of birth of Margaret Rennie, 1834, confirmed Testament Testamentur of Mary Cook or Rennie and succession accounts of her grand-daughters, heirs to her daughter Mary Gaff Rennie, spouse of Provost John Russel.   |
| A1824.005 | 1818-1837 | Papers relating to Thomas Walker's Property. Includes Bond of Credit by John Syme, Thomas Walker and Walter Simpson to the Stirling Banking Co, articles of roup of land at Hollandbush, and receipts for payments to the Stirling Journal for advertising sale of property at Hollandbush and papers relating to Morrison legacy to Thomas Walker.   |
| A1824.006 | 1867-1870 | Papers relating to estate of Thomas Walker. Includes inventory of title deeds belonging to the late Thomas Walker; inventory and valuation of his estate; inventory and valuation of estate of William Walker; disposition by Thomas Walker in favour of Margaret Walker; articles of roup of land at Hollandbush, 1869; tack, 1821.  |
| A1824.007 | 1869-1870 | Papers relating to Helen Rennie or Walker's estate. Includes confirmed testament testamentur, residue account of the personal estate and monies arising out   |

- of the real estate of Mrs Helen Rennie or Walker; legacy accounts for her nieces and account of expenses incurred by Defender in MacPherson v Walker.
- A1824.008 1867-1870 Papers relating to Helen Rennie or Walker's estate. Includes letter, Helen Walker to her nephew, John Cook Rennie, 1865, asking him to deal with her estate on her death; post nuptial marriage contract between Thomas Walker and Helen Rennie or Walker; 1865; inventory and valuation of personal estate of Helen Walker, 1869; declaration of Josiah Cox & J C Rennie re Trust of Peter Rennie Disposition and Settlement by Thomas Walker of Cloybank, 1866; Trust Disposition and Settlement, Thomas Walker and Helen Rennie or Walker, 1832; Extract of birth in 1832 of John Cook Rennie; general disposition and settlement by Helen Rennie or Walker in favour of John Cook Rennie and papers relating to Hollandbush property concerning Morison family.
- A1824.009 1856-1870 Notices of stipend allocations for Denny, Kilsyth and St Ninian's parishes issued to Thomas Walker of Cloybank, heritors assessments and poor law assessments. Also includes National Bank of Scotland cheques to Hugh MacPherson and Falkirk Herald 22 Dec 1866 with article about induction of minister at Higgs Church and Church of Scotland Home and Foreign Missionary Record of 2 March 1868
- A1824.010 1867-1868 Letters, Robert Campbell WS on behalf of Hugh MacPherson to Mrs Walker and to Russel & Aitken. Includes letter about payment of the annuity to Mrs Helen Walker left her by her deceased husband.
- A1824.011 1868-1869 Papers relating to case of William Harley, nephew of Helen Rennie or Walker, who claimed for wages against the estate of Thomas Walker as he had been employed by Thomas Walker as a personal assistant for the last months of Thomas Walker's life.
- A1824.012 1868-1870 Papers relating to MacPherson v Walker. Includes copy correspondence between Robert Campbell Ws, Stirling, acting for Hugh MacPherson, and Russel & Aitken, acting for Helen Rennie or Walker, Closed Record in Causa Hugh McPherson against Mrs Helen Rennie or Walker. Reclaiming Note for Mrs Helen Rennie or Walker against Lord Barcaple's Interlocutor. and Appendix for John Cook Rennie to reclaiming note for Mrs Helen Rennie or Walker against Lord Barcaple's Interlocutor
- A1824.013 1868-1870 Precognitions and draft precognitions in case of MacPherson vs Walker and related correspondence. Includes precognition of John Cook Rennie.
- A1824.014 1820-1869 Papers relating to MacPherson v Walker. Includes letters to Thomas Walker, inventory of letters between Robert Campbell WS and Russel & Aitken, abstract of the Corn Bill, accounts and receipts.

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| A1824.015 | 1864-1869 | Papers relating to MacPherson v Walker. Includes Summons, Hugh MacPherson against Helen Walker, copy interlocutor, excerpt of teinds of Denny parish, correspondence between Helen Walker and William Harley, correspondence between Helen Walker and John Cook Rennie, and various miscellaneous correspondence, notes and accounts.  |
| A1824.016 | 1776-1870 | Papers relating to MacPherson v Walker. Includes sketch of Mrs walker's property at Hollandbush, 1869, heads of agreement between Mrs Walker and William Adam for let of Cloybank, 1868 account of expenses incurred by defender (Helen Walker) in case of MacPherson vs Walker, various miscellaneous letters, accounts, notes relating to Cloybank, Cloybank minerals, excerpt from Falkirk Herald of report of meeting at ordination at Haggs, and other papers. Also includes three papers concerning Kirkwood family (William Kirkwood was a nephew of Thomas Walker): Inventory of writs of lands of Wester Thomastown, 1776, disposition and settlement in favour of William Kirkwood, 1788, and account, John Kirkwood to Robert Campbell, 1832. |