

## FALKIRK ARCHIVES

### **Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid (29) Papers of Capt Thomas Johnstone of Mains of Bothkennar, 1666-1859**

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

#### Family history

Captain Thomas Johnstone lived in Kincardine, Fife and owned Mains of Bothkennar farm, Airth, which he leased to various tenants. In 1835 his daughters, Janet and Elizabeth, applied for a curator bonis to be appointed because he had been admitted to the Glasgow Lunatic asylum. James Russel was appointed curator bonis and the family were clients of Russel & Aitken.

Elizabeth Johnston married Mathew Middlehurst, cabinet maker, Falkirk (see A1863 for the papers of this family).

#### Scope & Contents Note

Inventories, titles, writs, correspondence, legal papers and accounts. These papers relate principally to the Curatorship of Thomas Johnstone and to the tenancy of Mains of Bothkennar. The writs include titles to Mains of Bothkennar which was held by the Maisterson family from 1550 (crown grant) to 1709.

Date range: 1666-1840

Reference Code: A1829

#### Item list

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1829.001	1666-1815	Titles of Mains of Bothkennar. Includes Inventory of writs and title deeds of subjects of Mains of Bothkennar belonging to the Heirs of the late Thomas Johnstone of Mains of Bothkennar. Also includes discharge, 1776, Airth Kirk Session to John Johnston for heritable bond and inhibitions, 1824, Ramsay vs Wilson.
A1829.002	1821-1840	Papers relating to lease of Mains of Bothkennar and appointment of curator bonis for Thomas Johnstone. Includes petition, 1834, concerning removal of Thomas Johnstone to England and subsequent care of his property in Kincardine, with inventory of household effects, petition of Janet and Elizabeth Johnston for appointment of curator bonis and appointment of James Russel as curator bonis. Also includes petition, David Milne in sequestration of Billie.
A1829.003	1836-1840	Papers relating mainly to tenancy of Mains of

		Bothkennar. Includes papers relating to sequestration of William Chapman, tenant at Mains of Bothkennar, Decree authorising James Russel (Thomas Johnstone's Curator Bonis) to grant lease and Advertisement of the farm of Mains in the Parish of Bothkennar.
A1829.004	1841-1850	Correspondence and papers relating to curatory of Thomas Johnston (d. 1849) and tenancy of Mains of Bothkennar. Includes petition for authority to grant lease for Mains of Bothkennar, inventory of title deeds , 1850, and petition for special service by Elizabeth Johnston or Middlehurst regarding her father's estate.. Also includes extract registered contract of excambion between John Hardie and Thomas Johnston, 1805 relating to Mains.
A1829.005	1852-1859	Correspondence and papers relating mainly to sale of Mains of Bothkennar. Includes copy inventory of writes belonging to John Johnston, tenant in Mains of Bothkennar, 1753 (1857 copy);
A1829.006	1841-1849	Accounts and feu duty receipts. Mains of Bothkennar. Includes Copy Act (1815) authorising His Majesty to dispone to John Francis Erskine the Feuduties of the Lordship of Stirling and receipts for payments for feu duties for Mains of Bothkennar to the Earl of Zetland
A1829.007	1835-1852	Accounts. Consists of Accounts Current of the estate of Thomas Johnston and Business accounts to Russel & Aitken with James Russel as Curator Bonis of Thomas Johnston's estate.