

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid (31) Papers of Capt John Lorn Trust, 1798-1868

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

Family history

Captain John Lorn, shipowner and merchant, Grangemouth, died in 1821 when his wife Janet (or Jessie) Simpson was only 33. He had presumably been a seagoing Captain but there is no detail of that with the papers. Nor is there direct evidence of his activities as a merchant other than the likelihood of dealing in the cargoes of his own ships. He had considerable interests in several ships including the whaler Juno. He had his roots in the Grangemouth area, probably in the farm of Oxcgang where other members of his family are recorded. He also owned heritable properties in Grangemouth and Falkirk and he lent substantial sums on heritable security. He left a significant estate on his death.

He and his wife had two children, John, later Dr. John Lorn and Ann who married Dr. Moir. Mrs Jessie Lorn came from Dunbar from another shipping family, returned there with her children in 1830 and lived there for the rest of her life. The Marriage Contract with Captain Lorn provided for her to receive income on his death. She took an active interest (latterly assisted by her son) in the affairs of the Marriage Contract Trust until her death in 1867.

The family maintained a close friendship with the Russel family until James Russel's death in 1858

Scope & Contents Note

Some items from before Captain Lorn's death relating to shipping and heritable property. His executry papers. Details of his and the family's heritable interests. Details of the winding up of the family shipping interests and the continuing management of the Marriage Contract Trust until Mrs Lorn's death. Incidental family matters discussed in correspondence.

Date range: 1798-1868

Reference Code: A1831

Item list

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| A1831.001 | 1809-1920 | Correspondence and accounts of Captain John Lorn relating to various properties including purchase by him of land at Boddom from the Trustees of James Henderson, Writer, Falkirk and also arbitration with Mrs Reid, tenant of one of his houses in Grangemouth. Includes estimate of windows by John Clark (Mason); Remarks by Mr John Lorn on the letters from Mr James Reid to the arbiters in the Submission between him and Mr Lorn; Memorandum with regard to the Jessie when coming down the Canal; detailed general account between Peter Wilkie and Capt Lorn re house furnishings; and accounts for sloop Jessie and Brigs Good Intent and Freelove. |
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| A1831.002 | 1821 | Executry papers and related accounts. Includes vouchers for Mrs Lorn's mourning clothing, coach to Bothkennar cemetery, doctor's account, mourning stationery from Thomas Johnston; delivery and erection of gravestone at Bothkennar; mortcloths, hearse, gravediggers costs. and other funeral expenses; and Inland Revenue account. |
| A1831.003 | 1821 | Vouchers and accounts relating to ships owned by the late Capt John Lorn. Includes Articles of Roup of the brig Good Intent and the sloop Jessie; Peter Wilkie's accounts including searching for lost timber and measuring cargo of Freelove. |
| A1831.004 | 1821-1824 | Papers relating to Grangemouth properties. Includes minute of tack between Lorn's Trustees and Robert Grosart junior, farmer, Thornbank of the lands of Boddom (Thornbank); and papers relating to dispute between Lorn's Trustees and W McTarget on mutual gable. |
| A1831.005 | 1752-1839 | Papers relating to lands of Oxgang, property of Peter Lorn. Includes advertisement of farm for sale in the lands of Oxgang; Obligation by Patrick Bennet of Whyteside, Minister of the Gospel at Polmont to Patrick Simpson, 1752; Writs relating to the Lands of Oxgang, Oxengang, Heuck, Priestacre, Huick Water; half a draft deed of 1742; Disposition by Patrick Haldane of Bearcroft; Inventory of writs (starting in 1699); Inventory of writs, 1827, (starting in 1753); excerpt from 1763 disposition; and Renunciation and Deed of Restriction by John Lorn's Marriage Contract Trustees, 1839 |
| A1831.006 | 1821-1866 | Letters, from George Simpson (Mrs Lorn's brother) and others to Russel & Aitken relating to ships, such as sale of the Jessie, 1821, vendition of the Good Intent, 1821, and insurance of the Greenland vessels; and also Court papers in action Lorn's Trustees v Scott and Gillespie. |
| A1831.007 | 1822-1867 | Papers relating to Edinburgh property. Includes Inventory of Writs of Subjects in North Dundas St, Edinburgh, 1867; State of Debt due by Mr Robertson to Mr Lorn's Trustees, 1831; and correspondence relating to Bond (not present). |
| A1831.008 | 1826-1828 | Papers relating to the right of the Trustees of the Marriage Contract between Captain John Lorn and Janet or Jessie Simpson to share in the estate of the late Walter Simpson, father of Jessie (Janet) Lorn. Includes Mutual Memorial & Queries for the Trustees of the deceased John Lorn and the Trustees of the deceased Walter Simpson; Inventory of the Personal Estate of Walter Simpson; Memorial to Counsel giving Opinion that the Trustees should have right to only 1/6th of Walter Simpson's Estate after payment of debts; Correspondence between James Russel and Alex Kinnaird, Writer, Dunbar on division of the Walter Simpson Estate and also between James Russel and Jessie Lorn; Accounts showing debts due to Walter Simpson Leith: letter from Mrs Lorn that she was due 1/5th of her father's estate in addition to the share due to the Marriage Contract Trustees; Minutes of meetings of W Simpson's Trustees of 4/2/ 28 and 5/6/28; and letter from Mrs. Lorn asking the Russels to come to stay at Dunbar. |

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| A1831.009 | 1831-1868 | Papers relating to Lorn Family. Includes Disposition & Assignation by the Trustees of Captain John Lorn Trust in favour of John Lorn, 1837, ante-nuptial contract between Dr John Moir and Anne Lorn, 1838; and Trust Disposition & Settlement by Mrs Janet or Jessie Simpson or Lorn in favour of her son Dr John Lorn, Dunbar, 1844. |
| A1831.010 | 1821-1837 | Papers regarding John Lorn Trust. Includes correspondence from Alex Laird regarding loan by Lorn's Trustees to him and also with reference to Bond by and loan to James Potter, 1821; Inventory of Mr Laird's title deeds transmitted to Russel & Aitken, 1825; minutes of meetings of Trustees, Note of expenses incurred anent sale of William Scott's property at Denny, 1834 (over which the Marriage Trustees had a Bond); disposition of Trustees of late John Lorn in favour of John and Anne Lorn, his children, 1837; and various accounts |
| A1831.011 | 1838-1868 | Papers regarding John Lorn Trust. Includes letter on Declaration of Trust, Dr John Lorn to the Trustees under the contract of Marriage between Dr John Moir and Mrs Lorn or Moir, 1848; and correspondence relating to winding up of Trust following death (in 1866) of Mrs Jessie Simpson or Lorn. |
| A1831.012 | 1801-1830 | Papers relating mainly to Boddom. Includes Charter of Confirmation by Lord Boyd to John Kincaid for the lands of Boddom (part of Westquarter feu), 1755; tack, James Kincaid to Robert Grosart of lands of Bottom, 1801; Inhibition, 1816 and Discharge of Inhibition, 1819, Robert Grosart and James Kincaid; and Memoranda for Improvements at and repairs on Boddam |
| A1831.013 | 1798-1868 | Papers relating to properties. Includes Inventory of papers and documents sent by Russel & Aitken to Dr John Lorn, Dunbar, 1868 Instrument of sasine in favour of Janet or Jessie Simpson, and Trustees of the deceased John Lorn of houses in Grangemouth, 1821; Inventory of the titles of Boddom, 1819; Articles of Roup of the lands of Boddom, 1819; Instrument of Sasine in favour of Dr John Corbet, 1798; Heritable Bond by Helen Duncan, spouse of Daniel Miller, Coppersmith in Falkirk to Dr John Corbet, Physician, Falkirk, 1798; inventories of writs; extract decret of mails & duties, Lorn & c vs Kincaid, 1828; Bond, horning and Poinding, Lorn vs Grindlay, 1827; state of feu duties, subjects belonging to Janet Grindlay, 1828; and other legal documents. |