

## FALKIRK ARCHIVES

### **Russel & Aitken Papers finding aid (40) Papers of Sir Gilbert Stirling, 1773-1853**

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

#### Family history

Sir Gilbert Stirling (2<sup>nd</sup> baronet of Mansfield, Ayrshire) of Larbert House was born c1770 and died on 13 Feb 1843. He was the son of Sir James Stirling, whose early career was in Jamaica, working for Stirling of Keir, and who later became Secretary to the Governor. On return to Scotland Sir James joined the Edinburgh banking firm of Mansfield Ramsay & Co and married Alison Mansfield, daughter of the senior partner. He had three terms as Lord Provost of Edinburgh and was made a Baronet. He and his wife had five children, four of whom pre-deceased Sir Gilbert, who became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet.

Sir Gilbert had a military career under Abercromby and Wellington. He purchased Larbert Estate in 1821 from Sir James Riddell of Ardnamurchan. During the Riddell ownership the property was known as Mount Riddell. Sir Gilbert commissioned David Hamilton, Architect, of Glasgow, to design Larbert House which was erected between 1822 and 1825.

Sir Gilbert did not marry and the baronetcy became extinct on his death.. He left a succession of testamentary instructions from 1818 to 1841. His executors were Lord Abercromby, Sir Michael Bruce of Stenhouse, Thomas Dundas of Carronhall, Thomas Mansfield, accountant, Edinburgh and Alexander Mackenzie, Younger, of Muirton. He entailed his lands and estate to the heirs of his cousin, Mrs Chalmer, the heir being Gilbert Stirling Chalmer, b, 18 Jan 1843. The Trustees retained the estate which Chalmer sold in 1870 to John Hendrie, coalmaster, Glasgow, who then sold it to Sir John Hatt Graham, merchant in Glasgow, in 1883.

#### Scope & Contents Note

Titles, writs, accounts, inventories and papers relating to various occasional matters, such as a court case about poaching, debt collection, superiority questions, business accounts from Russel & Aitken, tacks and small conveyancing matters.

Russel & Aitken did not act as principal agents and on Sir Gilbert's death, titles and important papers were transferred to the principal agents of the Trustees, Messrs Mackenzie & Innes, WS, George St, Edinburgh.

Date range: 1773-1843

Reference Code: A1840

#### Item list

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A1840.001	1773-1843	Titles and related papers relating mainly to subjects at Larbert on the east side of the Turnpike road leading from Falkirk through Larbert to Stirling and

		consisting of one rood acquired by Sir Gilbert Stirling Baronet of Mansfield following indebtedness by Gilchrist; Articles and Conditions of Roup and Sale of crop and farm stocking at North Broomage; Instruments of Sasine and Dispositions.
A1840.002	1770-1810	Instruments of Sasine of land in Broomage bounded on east by Turnpike road leading from Falkirk to Stirling.
A1840.003	1833-1840	Draft writs relating to the following lands over which Sir Gilbert Stirling was Superior: land and houses thereon in Larbert bounded on east by Turnpike road leading from Falkirk to Stirling, parts of land in Larbert lying on north side of road leading from Dunipace through Larbert to Carron, the farm of Househill and three parks in Dunipace, parts of the Castlehill park in Larbert, lands called Guildfield on the west of town of Larbert, part of lands of Larbert on south side of road leading from Dunipace to Carron, parts of the muir of Stenhouse with houses. Includes draft Charters of Confirmation, Precepts of Clare Constat, Tack and Charters of Novodamus.
A1840.004	1832-1836	Sir Gilbert Stirling's accounts with Russel & Aitken.
A1840.005	1834	Papers relating to Sheriff Court poiding action by Sir Gilbert Stirling against Walter Potter, wright, Larbert, as a result of unpaid feu duty for lands on east of Turnpike road leading from Falkirk to Stirling. Includes extract Decreet of Poiding the ground, note of Potter's expenses and letter to Russel & Aitken about the case; also includes letter relating to unpaid feu duty due by Walter Potter to Sir James Milles Riddell.
A1840.006	1826-1841	Copy Decreets of Declarators of Improvements, by Alexander, Duke of Hamilton and Brandon against Lord Archibald Hamilton and against Hamilton Charles James Hamilton, assigned to Sir Gilbert Stirling in security of bond. Relate to improvements to entailed estate in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, such as constructing farm houses and offices and adding to Mansion House or Hamilton Palace. Also includes covering letters to Sir Gilbert Stirling concerning Bond.
A1840.007	1833-1835	Papers relating to Sir Gilbert Stirling's lands and property at Larbert which included tenements of houses and yards in Castlehill. Includes memorandum and letter with regard to Larbert vassalage, rental of the estate of Larbert and specification and directions for drains there.
A1840.008	1832	Papers relating to Henry Malcolm being convicted of poaching on lands and estate of Larbert belonging to Sir Gilbert Stirling, his petition for aliment at Stirling Gaol and Sir Gilbert's complaint to the Magistrates of Stirling for decreeing that he should pay Malcolm's aliment. Includes letter from Gilbert Stirling to James Russel, Writer, Falkirk.

A1840.009	1822-1853	Miscellaneous papers relating to Sir Gilbert Stirling's property and actions. Includes charge of Horning and Poinding against William Brown of Broomage Mains, 1822-23; Inventory of title deeds of John Wilson's property in Larbert, 1827; Charter of Confirmation by Sir Gilbert Stirling in favour of in favour of Elizabeth Miller or Buchanan, of land in Larbert on the north side of the high road leading from Dunipace to Stenhouse and Carron Work; Inventory of garden tools and Horn and Poind; also includes letter from C. Gartshore to Adam Smith, Writer, Falkirk about barley which Gartshore bought from James Beveridge.
A1840.010	1829-1833	Inventories of writs and Title deeds for Guildfield and Broomage with a view to proposed transaction between Sir Gilbert Stirling and Mr James Russel as Trustee for the creditors of Mr James Brown anent the feuduty of Bairds Feu at North Broomage which latterly belonged to Trustees of Duncan Robertson of Carronvale Trust.
A1840.011	1836-1837	Papers relating to debt of James Hume, gardener, Larbert, to Sir Gilbert Stirling. Includes inventories of the effects of James Hume and of books and papers found in his possession and letter relating to Stirling's charge of Horning against Hume.
A1840.012	1842-1843	Draft tack between William Wright and Sir Gilbert Stirling of North Broomage farm, William Wright's offer and letter of acceptance of offer, correspondence between Russel & Aitken and Captain Buchanan; and Description of the lands in Stirling, Superiority of which belonged to Sir Gilbert Stirling (crofts of Boddam, Burnflatt, Grahamsuir, houses and buildings in the Back Row of Falkirk and Spitaltown of Borquhan and Kepdowie); and correspondence, Mackenzie & Innes, WS, acting for Trustees of Sir Gilbert Stirling's Trust, requesting delivery of titles and important papers held by Russel & Aitken.