

## **P818 Records from Keith & Murray Solicitors, Thurso**

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### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

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### **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description: Estate and other client records. Includes papers of the Murray family of Pennyland, papers of the Sinclair family of Freswick and Ulbster, the sale of the commonty of the Hill of Forss and the establishment of the Caithness and Rothsay Fencible Regiment in 1795 etc.

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<b>P818</b>	<b>Records From Keith &amp; Murray Solicitors</b>	
	<b>Title Deeds and Legal Papers: Tenements in Thurso</b>	
P818/1	Charter granted by Robert, bishop of Caithness of one booth and chamber in Thurso in favour of William Ronaldson or Murray and Isobell Dundass his spouse and their heirs [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1558
P818/2	Sasine, William Murray alias Ronaldson in favour of Isobell Dundass his spouse [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1559
P818/3	Sasine in favour of John Murray, son to William Murray alias Ronaldson upon booth and tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1568
P818/4	Charter of confirmation by Robert, bishop of Caithness to John Murray, son of William Murray alias Ronaldson upon booth and tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin with wax seal]	1568
P818/5	Sasine, Alexander Urquhart, tenement in Thurso [1 document, Latin, torn]	1610
P818/6	Charter of confirmation by Alexander, bishop of Caithness to William Murray, son to John Murray who was son to William Murray alias Donaldson, and to Agnes Dalmahoy his spouse in life rent, and Ronald Murray their son in fee of one booth and tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1614
P818/7	Sasine, Agnes Dalmahoy spouse of William Murray, and Ronald Murray her son [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1614
P818/8	Charter, Sir James Sinclair of Murkle with consent of Alexander, bishop of Caithness, one booth or	1616

	chamber in Thurso in favour of Henry Urquhart, son to Alexander Urquhart in Thurso, and Isobell Logan his spouse [1 document, parchment, Latin]	
P818/9	Charter, William duke of Sinclair and Berriedale, to Helen Browne and John Sutherland her spouse, tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1631
P818/10	Sasine, Jane Sutherland or McAndie, tenements in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1631
P818/11	Alienation and disposition by John Murray of Clairdon in favour of Richard Murray of Pennyland [1 document in wrapper]	1650
P818/12	Sasine, William Tailor and Ellspet his spouse, one tenement of land in Thurso [1 document]	1652
P818/13	Sasine, Isobell Urquhart upon booth or chamber in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1653
P818/14	Charter by Isobell Urquhart to John Murray of Pennyland, upon his tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1653
P818/15	Sasine, John Murray of Pennyland, tenement or booth in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1653
P818/16	Sasine, Olipher Mowatt and James Adamson or John Bayn, re tenement in Thurso [1 document, torn, bottom quarter separate]	1653
P818/17	Precept of clare constat, George, earl of Caithness to John Sutherland, tenements in Thurso [1 document]	1653
P818/18	Precept of clare constat, James Sinclair of Murkle to Isobell Urquhart, dau. of Alexander Urquhart, booth in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1654
P818/19	Sasine, James Adamson, merchant in Thurso, upon tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1656
P818/20	Charter, George, earl of Caithness to James Sutherland or Adamson, tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin and English]	1657
P818/21	Minute of agreement between Mr William Abirnethee [Abernethy] of Thurso and James Adamson of Thurso [1 document] [n.b. William Abernethy was minister of Halkirk and then from 1662 of Thurso]	1657
P818/22	Sasine, William Tailyor in Thurso, tenements in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1657

P818/23	Sasine, John Farquhair of Thurso and Margaret Bere [or Beir] his spouse upon certain tenements and houses in Thurso [1 document]	1660
P818/24	Confirmation and charter by Patrick, bishop of Caithness to Richard Murray and Jane Smith, and to Patrick Murray their son, booth and chamber in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin with 2 wax seals, one of which broken half off]	1663
P818/25	Extract remuneration and disposition, James Murray to Richard Murray, son of John Murray, tenement in Thurso [1 document]	1663
P818/26	Sasine, Richard Murray and Jane Smith his spouse in life rent and Patrick Murray their son, booth or tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1664
P818/27	Charter, John Farquhar to William Swanson, Helline Sutherland his spouse and John and George Swanson their sons, tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment, faded and discoloured]	1665
P818/28	Sasine, William Swanson, Helline Sutherland his spouse and John and George Swanson their sons, tenements in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin and English]	1665
P818/29	Charter, John Murray of Pennyland to Richard Murray his son of Wasterdaill [Westerdale], of booth or chamber in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1672
P818/30	Sasine, Richard Murray of Westerdale, booth or chamber in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1677
P818/31	Sasine, Patrick, James, Richard, David Murray and Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth Murray, children of Richard Murray of Scotscaider and Jane Smith his spouse, tenements in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1678
P818/32	Sasine, Thomas and Alexander Sinclair upon tenement of land in Thurso; inscribed: "Query, is this Pollier Tenement" [1 document, parchment]	1679
P818/33	Sasine, Alexander Innes, merchant, Thurso, on behalf of Jean or Jane Adamson, dau. of James Adamson, sclait house in Thurso [1 document]	1679
P818/34	Sasine, Thomas and William Sinclair over one Farquhars tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1684

P818/35	Contract matrimonial betwixt John Swanson and Margaret Sinclair [1 document, torn into 2 pieces]	1684
P818/36	Liferent and assignation by John Swanson to Margaret Sinclair his spouse [1 document]	1685
P818/37	Sasine, Margaret Sinclair, spouse to John Swanson, upon tenement in Thurso [1 document]	1685
P818/38	Ratification and renunciation, Jean Cuneinghame, spouse of Patrick Murray, tenements in Thurso [1 document]	1687
P818/39	Disposition by Patrick Murray in favour of William Sinclair, commissioner of Caithness, tenements in Thurso [1 document, torn and fragile]	1687
P818/40	Sasine, George Mansone and his spouse, one Nicollsons Tenement in Thurso, yard and pertinents [1 document, parchment]	1687
P818/41	Charter, Master Patrick Murray, son of Richard Murray of Scotscalder, to William Sinclair, commissioner of Caithness, of booth, tenement and sclait house in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1687
P818/42	Sasine, William Sinclair, commissioner in Caithness, upon tenement, sclait house etc. in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1687
P818/43	Disposition, Alexander Ritchie to John Swanson [1 document, edges torn]	1694
P818/44	Disposition and assignation, Master Patrick Murray of Caldell to John Swanson merchant in Thurso, of Duncans and Dundass houses, part of Browns tenement [1 document, torn in half and fragile]	1701
P818/45	Sasine, John Swanson, merchant in Thurso, property in Thurso called Duncan and Dundass houses forming part of Browns tenement [1 document, torn]	1701
P818/46	Sasine, John Swanson, bailie of Thurso over one tenement of land and yard in Thurso called Andrew Nicolls Tenement [1 document, parchment]	1702
P818/47	Disposition, William Sinclair, son of William Sinclair late commissioner of Caithness, to Mr William Innes, minister at Thurso, of booth or chamber in Thurso [1 document, fragile]	1705
P818/48	Sasine, Mr William Innes, Marie Spence his spouse, and Jean Innes their dau. upon booths and	1705

	tenements in Thurso [1 document]	
P818/49	Disposition, John Swanson to Elizabeth Swanson [1 document]	1707
P818/50	Sasine in favour of Elizabeth Swanson, dau. of John Swanson, upon Polls Tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1707
P818/51	Retour in favour of William Sinclair, booth and tenement in Thurso [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1708
P818/52	Charter of confirmation by Lord John Glenorchie to William Sinclair, son of Alexander Sinclair in Keiss [1 document, parchment]	1708
P818/53	Disposition by William Swanson, Orkney, to William Swanson, Broynach, Caithness, of Swanson's tenement in Thurso [1 document]	1726
P818/54	Heritable disposition, Master William Innes, minister of the Gospel at Thurso, to William Ross his grandchild, son of Walter ross late minister of Kilmuir dec'd and Jean Innes, his dau. [1 document]	1737
P818/55	Disposition by William Ross, son of the late William Ross, minister of Kilmuir, to Captain William Innes of Sandside, tenements in Thurso [1 document]	1740
P818/56	Instrument of sasine, George Gun, tidewaiter in Thurso and Christian Meiklejohn his spouse, of little house and yard in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1753
P818/57	Disposition by Robert Manson Sinclair of Bridgend to James Sinclair, storehouse in Thurso [1 document]	1757
P818/58	Disposition by Robert Manson Sinclair of Bridgend to Patrick Doull, merchant in Thurso, tenements in Thurso [1 document, torn]	1760
P818/59	Disposition and testament by Elizabeth Swanson in favour of Elizabeth Sinclair her dau. all goods at time of death [1 document]	1764
P818/60	Disposition by William Sinclair, innkeeper, Lander, Shore of Morse, son of William Sinclair, writer, Thurso, to John Sinclair, merchant tailor, Thurso, tenement in Green of Thurso [1 document, torn, section detached]	1765
P818/61	Sasine, John Sinclair, merchant tailor in Thurso, tenement in the Green of Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1765

P818/62	Disposition by John Sinclair, merchant tailor, Thurso, to Elizabeth Sinclair his spouse, tenement in the Green of Thurso [1 document]	1765
P818/63	Disposition by Janet Swanson to Francis Swanson, tenements in Thurso [1 document]	1767
P818/64	Obligation, Francis Swanson to Janet Swanson, £5 Scots for life [1 document]	1767
P818/65	Precept of clare constat, George Sinclair of Ulbster Esq., in favour of Janet Swanson, dau. of John Swanson [1 document, parchment]	1769
P818/66	Instrument of sasine in favour of Janet Swanson, tenements in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1769
P818/67	Disposition by Janet Swanson, dau. of dec'd John Swanson, late wagon maker, Thurso, to Francis Swanson, tacksman of Gerston, various tenements in Thurso [1 document]	1769
P818/68	Instrument of sasine in favour of Francis Swanson, tacksman of Gerston, tenements in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1769
P818/69	Disposition by Captain William James of Sandside to Patrick Doull, merchant of Thurso, of booth tenement sclait house etc. in Thurso [1 document]	1774
P818/70	Disposition by Francis Swanson, tacksman of Gerston, to George Swanson his only son, all goods and property at time of decease [1 document]	1774
P818/71	Mutual disposition and assignation between Francis Swanson and Christian Henderson his spouse, goods and property at time of decease [1 document]	1774
P818/72	Instrument of sasine, Alexander Campbell of Lochend, tenements in Thurso [1 document]	1778
P818/73	Disposition by John Sinclair, tailor in Thurso, to Francis Swanson, tacksman of Gerston, piece of ground in Thurso [1 document]	1783
P818/74	Disposition by Robert Sinclair of Freswick Esq. to Lieutenant George Swanson, tacksman of Gerston, tenement in Thurso [1 document]	1794
P818/75	Disposition by William Sinclair, Edinburgh, son of John Sinclair late merchant tailor in Thurso, to George Swanson of the First Battalion, the Rothsay and Caithness Fencible Regiment, of tenements in	1796

	Thurso including Polles Tenement [1 document]	
	<b>Title Deeds and Legal Papers: Gunn Family of Sibster</b>	
P818/76	Disposition and settlement by John Sinclair Gunn, tacksman of Deal [1 document]	1848
P818/77	Lease between Alexander Henry Rhind Esq. of Sibster and Messrs William and James Gunn, re Farm of Sibster [1 document]	1860
P818/78	Memorandum of proposed arrangement betwixt James Gunn, Glendhu Farm, Sutherlandshire, and his nephew John Gunn, Ardwaddy, lease of Glendhu Farm [1 document]	1870
P818/79	Sales particulars of the Estate of Sibster, trustees of the late Alexander Henry Rhind Esq. [1 document]	1873
P818/80	Award by William Mitchell and John Miller on submission by James Gunn and others [1 document]	1877
P818/81	Assignment and discharge by Mrs Caroline Frances Thomson or Gunn and Robert Marcus Gunn, in favour of James Gunn [1 document]	1877
P818/82	Copy arrestment for Alexander Gunn, farmer, Dale, Caithness [1 document in envelope]	1885
P818/83	Testament-testamentar of umquhile James Gunn, farmer, Greenland, dec'd [1 document]	1890
P818/84	Extract registered ante-nuptial contract of marriage between the Revd. Andrew Grant and Miss Margaret Gunn [1 document]	1891
P818/85	Extract registered minute of agreement between Mrs Ann Gunn, John Sinclair Gunn and Miss Margaret Gunn, estate of James Gunn dec'd, Sibster [1 document]	1891
P818/86	Submission between Messrs Dunnet and John Sinclair Gunn, farmer of Sibster, re fences, drains, hedges etc. [1 document]	1894
P818/87	Copy roup roll and intromissions of sale at Sibster, Wick [1 document]	1913
	<b>Title Deeds and Legal Papers: Assorted Properties</b>	
P818/88	Deeds relating to house in Couper Street, Thurso.	1816-1903



	Parties include: William Levick, merchant in Thurso, 1816; Mrs Jane Mackay or Smith, 1885; John W. Alexander, 1885, 1892, 1903; George Bremner, 1892, 1903. [5 documents in envelope]	
P818/89	Instrument of sasine in favour of William Simpson of Langwell, of house and land in Thurso [1 document, parchment]	1836
P818/90	Feu charter, John George Tollemache Sinclair Esq.. of Ulbster in favour of George Davidson, shoemaker, Thurso, of No.6 Rose Street, Thurso [1 document in envelope, parchment]	1860
P818/91	Feu charter, John George Tollemache Sinclair Esq.. of Ulbster in favour of George Manson, builder, Murkle, of No.2 Sutherland Street, Thurso, belonging to William Campbell, baker [1 document in envelope, parchment]	1870
P818/92	Principle lease between Sir Robert C. Sinclair, bart. and Messrs John Dunnet and Hector Jack, farm of Kennachy [1 document]	1885
P818/93	Search of encumbrances over subjects in Newtown of Thurso [1 document]	1886
P818/94	Bond of caution, David James Stephen and Thomas Pilkington, both of Sandside, Reay, in favour of the Parish Council of Reay [1 document]	1904
P818/95	Disposition by Miss Mary Wemyss Smith and Miss Henrietta Ethel Smith, Ormlie House, Thurso, in favour of John Mackay, carting contractor, Grove Lane, Thurso, re subjects in Cowgate, Thurso [1 document]	1924
P818/96	Disposition by Sir A.H.M. Sinclair bart. of Ulbster in favour of James Gunn, re Farm of Newlands of Guise [1 document]	1924
	<b>ESTATES</b>	
	<b>Forss Estate</b>	
P818/97	Copy out-letter book, "Forss Estate No.1" [1 volume – 63 pages only used]	1923-1925
P818/98	Forss Estates Company Ltd register of members etc. [1 volume]	1955-1971

P818/99	Forss Estate ledger [1 volume]	1966-1969
P818/100	Copy out-letter book, Forss Fisheries [1 volume]	1923-1950
P818/101	Forss Fisheries Company cash book [1 volume – cover and first few pages detached]	1923-1940
	<b>Hill of Forss</b>	
P818/102	Plan of the Common of Forss, prepared by James Flint [1 plan, linen backed, cut and folded and bound into 1 volume - <b>OVERSIZE</b> ]	1832
P818/103	Papers relating to the sale of the Common of the Hill of Forss, mostly receipts and correspondence re lots purchased by Alexander Gunn, merchant of Thurso, in 1836 [1 bundle – see also SM/1890/16/1, chart showing feu plans of Forss and a list of owners, 1834]	1836-1914
	<b>Other Estates</b>	
P818/104	Charter of resignation by Catherine Sinclair, estate of Tister [in Bower parish] [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1802
P818/105	Instrument of sasine in favour of Eric George Sinclair upon the lands of Mey [1 document. Parchment, Latin]	1824
P818/106	Charter of resignation in favour of Alexander Sinclair of Mey, earl of Caithness, lands of Mey [1 document, parchment, Latin]	1824
P818/107	[Ulbster Estate?] interest book [1 volume]	1870-1894
P818/108	Draft or copy letter written on back of printed sheet, dated Gerston, re fishing rights on river at Mey [1 document]	1886
P818/109	Particulars of sale of Estate of Latheron [1 document]	1896
P818/110	Particulars of sale of Castlehill and East Murkle, part of the Traill Caithness-shire Estates [1 booklet]	1913
P818/111	Provisional valuation of Olrig Estate, showing name of property, tenant, value, etc. [1 document]	18 Nov 1913
	<b>Clubs and Business Records</b>	
P818/112	Thurso Miniature Rifle Club cash book [1 volume]	1926-1943
P818/113	Caithness Graded Egg Ltd register of members [1	1953-1962

	volume – 1 page only used]	
	<b>Correspondence and Papers, Sinclair Family of Freswick and Thurso</b>	
P818/114	Agreement between Alexander Sinclair, son of George Sinclair, and Elizabeth Sinclair his mother, re settlement of estate [1 document]	3 May 1686
P818/115	Letter of caption to William Sinclair of Freswick, re Donald Sinclair of Orlrig [Olrigh] denounced as a rebel for debt of £401 18s. 8d. Scots [1 document]	27 Feb 1730
P818/116	Discharge by William Sinclair of Freswick to Donald Sinclair of Orlrig of debt of £401 18s. 8d. Scots [1 document]	18 Aug 1730
P818/117	Account of Donald Sinclair of Orlrig to James Budge, writer to the signet [1 document]	1730
P818/118	Account, Donald Sinclair of Orlrig to William Budge, writer in Edinburgh, for his disbursements for the maintenance, education and other necessaries to Charles Sinclair his eldest son, and Mr James Hunter his governor [1 document]	Oct 1743
P818/119	Scroll discharge by John Sinclair of Forss, minister of the Gospel at Watten, re Alexander Sinclair of Orlrig dec'd [1 document]	Jul 1751
P818/120	Articles to be performed by Captain Alexander Gun of Wester Helmsdale to Donald Sinclair of Orlrig Esq. [1 document]	1757
P818/121	Letter from Charles Sinclair to George Taylor, merchant, Thurso re purchase of stockings etc. [1 document]	23 Jun 1758
P818/122	Extract minute of from a meeting of the Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Supply for Caithness re enforcement of statute labour on roads plus cover sheet [2 documents]	14 Jun 1785
P818/123	Letter from George Jeffrey to James Sinclair Esq. of Holbournhead, by Thurso  States that his bill has been discounted; also that refers to a claim which he hopes will be unsuccessful: "The fact is, that this story of the claim to the Estate has its rise solely in a piece of Fun in your friend James Horne, having mentioned such an idea in jest."  [1 document]	30 Jun 1787

P818/124	Printed authorisation (letter of service) to Lieutenant James Sinclair to raise a regiment of foot [1 document]  N.B. this would be the First Battalion, Rothsay and Caithness Fencible Regiment, established 1794 and disbanded 1799; the Second Battalion was established 1795 and finally disbanded 1802	1794
P818/125	Letter from James Horne to Captain James Sinclair, Thurso, various financial matters. Includes: "For in the beginning of the next, I go to Forfar to attend the Inspection of Sir John Sinclair's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion and settle the Regimental accounts." [1 letter and wrapper]	20 Apr 1795
P818/126	Receipt to Major James Sinclair of Forss for £10 towards building the Thurso Bridge [1 document, torn and fragile]	14 May 1799
P818/127	Letter from J. Sinclair to Lt. Col. Sinclair of Forss, "I hope the recruiting is coming on well in the north. Here it is getting very slack." [1 document, sealed with the imprint of the seal of the Fencibles]	26 May 1799
P818/128	Letter from John Sinclair to Col. Sinclair of Forss re possible vacancy in "new unit moved for Caithness" [1 document and wrapper]	27 Jun 1801
P818/129	Letter from the Secretary of State to the Earl of Caithness, rejecting a request for an additional clothing allowance for dyeing the waistcoat and breeches of the militia regiment [1 document]	1809
P818/130	Memoranda between Major Sir A.H.M. Sinclair of Ulbster re additional feu-duties on properties in Thurso.  Parties include: Mrs Isabella Manson, Thomas Sinclair, Misses Isobel and Catherine Gerry, the Congregational Church of Thurso, George Tait Anderson and William Sutherland Anderson, and Northern Cinemas Ltd  [7 documents]	1930
	<b>Correspondence and Papers, Traill Family</b>	
P818/131	Letter from J.A. Traill to George Traill, his son, re disposition of property and sheet of state of debts [2 documents]	1 Jan 1823-26 Apr 1823
P818/132	Anonymous [by J.A. Traill?] letter to George Traill, statement by the author of his affairs and provision for	18 Mar 1834

	his youngest children, estates of Ratter, Bowermadden, Sanday and Castlehill [1 document]	
	<b>Labour Service, Teinds and Stipends</b>	
P818/133	List of the inhabitants of the town of Thurso liable in statute labour for the service of the year 1804 [1 document]	1804
P818/134	Teind roll of the parish of Dunnet [1 document]	1937
P818/135	Teind roll of the parish of Halkirk [1 document]	1945
P818/136	Papers relating to the teind roll of the parish of Thurso and the locality of the stipend of the parish of Thurso [1 bundle in envelope]	1924-1935
P818/137	The locality of the stipend of the parish of Thurso [1 document]	1933
P818/138	The locality of the stipend of the parish of Wick [1 document]	1937
	<b>Photographs</b>	
P818/139	Black and white photographs of an unnamed couple, an unnamed woman, and a monument reading "In loving memory of Robert Taylor, died at Schoolhouse, Janetstown, 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1934 aged 73 years, and of his beloved with Catherine Dunbar, died 21 <sup>st</sup> April 1937, aged 78 years" [3 photographs]	c.1920-c.1960
P818/140	Black and white photograph of a family, on back: "A.A. Geevors, Gildestraat 46, Veldhoven, NB, Holland" [1 photograph]	c.1940
P818/141	Black and white photograph of the first Russian tank to enter Berlin, mounted on a plinth (tank is a T-34) [1 photograph]	c.1950
	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
P818/142	Plan of Old Town of Thurso, prepared by R. Forsyth [1 plan, linen backed, cut into sections and folded and bound into 1 volume - <b>OVERSIZE</b> ]	1850
P818/143	Imperial War Graves Commission order form for copy of register containing entry for Pte. M.A. Baikie, 1 <sup>st</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Bn. Seaforth Highlanders, died 15 Sep 1916; also certificate of his burial in Cite Bonjean military cemetery [2 documents, 1 <b>OVERSIZE</b> ]	1929
P818/144	Ordnance Survey Map "North Sea or German	1902

	Ocean", showing Caithness and Sutherland, scale of 4 miles to 1 inch, reduced from the One Inch Map [1 map, - OVERSIZE]	
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