

P566 - Papers of the Davidson, Miller and Swanson Families

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P566

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Title: Papers of the Davidson, Miller and Swanson families

Dates of creation: 1711-2019

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 10 linear metres

Format: Paper, photographs, CD-R, paintings

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: The Davidson family of Buckies, Old Hall and West Watten; the Miller family of Scrabster; the Swanson family of Gerston and the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles

Administrative history: The Davidson family farmed Buckies, Old Hall, West Watten, and other farms in Caithness.

The Miller family lived at Scrabster House. Margaret Miller married James John Christian Davidson in 1906.

The Swanson family were tacksmen of Gerston, Halkirk. They also owned Gerston Distillery. George Swanson of Gerston was Captain of a Company of the First Battalion of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles, and Paymaster of the Regiment.

The three families are connected through marriage.

Custodial history: Deposited by Hugh Davidson and Gillian Anderson

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Farm records, legal papers, financial records, personal correspondence, military records, photographs, portraits, published works

Appraisal:

Accruals:

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Open

Closed until:

Access conditions:

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Caithness Archive Service searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material: P818 Keith and Murray Solicitors for records of Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles

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P566/1 – Papers of the Davidson family of Buckies, Old Hall, and West Watten

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Reference number: GB1741/P566/1

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Title: Papers of the Davidson family of Buckies, Old Hall, and West Watten

Dates of creation: 1786-2019

Level of description: Sub-fonds

Extent: 9 linear metres

Format: Paper, photographs, CD-R, paintings

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: The Davidson family of Buckies, Old Hall and West Watten

Administrative history: John Davidson of Buckies married Elizabeth Ross of Gladfield on the 7th of January 1781. They had 10 sons and 3 daughters. Three of their children died in infancy.

John Davidson died at Buckies on the 20th of March 1820, aged 80.

Sinclair Davidson, their eldest son, was born on the 15th of January 1782. He was a Captain in the Cameron Highlanders. He was killed on the 5th of May 1811 at the battle of Fuentes d' Onor. His younger brother James (b. 9 Apr 1785) also served with the Cameron Highlanders and was killed at the battle of Salamanca on the 18th of July 1812. Both battles were part of the Peninsular War, fought by British, Spanish, and Portuguese forces against Napoleon's French forces for Spain's independence (1808-1814).

Anne was born on the 19th of August 1783. She married John Gunn of Dale and died at Dale on the 25th of August 1834.

Simon was born on the 15th of September 1787. He was a Surgeon in the Royal Navy

and later settled at Buckies. He died in Aug 1829, aged 49.

William was born on the 2nd of April 1789 and died on the 9th of February 1853. He was an architect, builder, farmer, and factor for Sir Ralph Anstruther.

George was born on the 15th of January 1791, and Hugh on the 25th of September 1793. George became a minister and Hugh Davidson a Collector of Customs at the port of Wick.

John was born on the 12 November 1795 and died on the 11th of June 1796.

Margaret was born on the 24th of March 1797. She married J.C. Swanson of Gerston and died on the 16th of August 1857.

Alexander was born on the 9th of December 1798 and died in December 1805.

John Ross was born on the 10th of January 1801 and died in August 1801.

Johanna was born on the 5th of April 1803. She married George Wood in 1831 and died on the 9th of May 1852.

Alexander Charles was born on the 20th September 1806.

Reverend George Davidson was appointed minister over the joint mission of Berriedale and Bruan in 1819, then became Latheron Parish minister in 1820. He learned Gaelic in order to preach sermons in both English and Gaelic to his parishioners every Sunday. He married Maria Serena Robertson in 1823. They had children John Henry (b.1824), Maria Serena and Harriet Davidson. George's wife Maria died in 1827. In 1843 Rev. George Davidson married Angelica Murray (b.1807, Tain) and left the Established Church to join the Free Church during The Disruption. They had a child, Anne Isabella.

George Davidson's son, John Henry Davidson, became a teacher in Latheron Parochial School in 1844 before becoming a clerk at the port of Wick, where his uncle Hugh Davidson was Collector of Customs. In June 1849 he went to the Isle of Man as a customs official. In 1855 he was

promoted to Controller of Customs at Westport in Ireland, where he remained until 1861. John Henry Davidson returned to Caithness, living with his retired uncle Hugh, at Old Hall, Watten, until 1864 when he married a cousin, Miss Elizabeth Swanson [Ebb] of Gerston. They took up residence at Buckies, south of Thurso, a Davidson farm for over 4 centuries. Here were born their 10 children; 5 boys (George, Hugh, John, James, William), 5 girls (Margaret, Elizabeth, Harriet, Louisa), one of whom did not live beyond infancy (Jane Skene Wood Davidson died 1883, age 1).

Harriet Davidson, daughter of Rev. George Davidson, married Dr James Mill of Anstruther, Fife. They lived in Sutherland Street in Thurso with their 11 children, who included Maria, Agnes, George, Harriet, Margaret, Ann, Hugh Robert and William. Their son Hugh Robert Mill, born 28th May 1861, went on to become an expert on Antarctic exploration. The Hugh Robert Mill medal was created by the Royal Meteorological Society in his honour. A biography is available at Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. He died in East Grinstead on 5 April 1950. His collection of papers is held at the Scott Polar Research Institute Archives, University of Cambridge.

Maria Serena Davidson married Robert McLachlan, Sheriff Officer in Wick, on the 15th of September 1847.

Anne Isabella Davidson married James Duff McCulloch in Latheron in 1870. McCulloch became minister of Latheron in 1867. They had 10 children between 1872 and 1887. In 1883 Rev. James McCulloch gave evidence to the Napier Commission on behalf of the tenants of Latheronwheel Estate.

In 1876 John Henry Davidson and family went back to Old Hall, where Mrs Davidson died on Christmas Day, 1889. Their son Hugh became a doctor at Coupar-Angus, John Henry (Jack) took over Buckies, James John farmed West Watten and embarked on a military career as an officer with the Caithness Rifle Volunteers. The youngest boy, William, joined the Commercial Bank; the eldest, George, a

trained agriculturalist, received Old Hall from his father in 1908. On the 26th of September that year he married Janet Maria Leith, Wellington House, Wick, daughter of William and Alexina Leith and stepdaughter of Donald Wares.

George and Janet Davidson's son John Henry Davidson (Jack) was born in 1909. He attended Miller Academy in Thurso then Edinburgh University where he gained a B.Sc. in agriculture. He bought Lower Dounreay Farm in 1930 and enlisted with the Reay Company of the 5th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. His university degree qualified him for a commission, so he attended Sandhurst Military Academy and returned a lieutenant. He married Isobel Stewart, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Stewart, Millbank House, Thurso, in 1937. In 1938 their daughter Elizabeth was born. During World War Two Jack Davidson served with the 5th Seaforth Highlanders in the 51st Highland Division as the Major of 'D' Company. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry in the final battle of the North African campaign in Tunisia, for the skill and daring with which he led his company and dealt with many counterattacks. He was killed on active service on the 4th of August 1943 in the Sferro Hills, Sicily, aged 33 years. He is buried in Catania War Cemetery in Sicily. After his death, his widow Isobel emigrated to South Africa with their daughter.

James John Christian Davidson married Margaret Davidson of Scrabster in 1906. In 1905 or 1906 took over the running of West Watten Farm from his father, who had leased it from the Duke of Portland since 1881. He served in the Seaforth Highlanders for around 25 years. He was second in command of the 5th Battalion when the First World War broke out and went on to command the Battalion for two years. He resigned his command in 1916 for health reasons. In 1918 he bought Cally estate in Blairgowrie and moved there with his family, wife Margaret (Grettie) and daughters Margaret Inglis Miller Davidson and Elizabeth Mary Grisell Swanson Davidson (Bear).

In 1919 the Board of Agriculture became the tenants at West Watten Farm when James and his family left Caithness for Perthshire. It was subsequently divided into 29 holdings in 1921.

James John Christian Davidson died in 1943. His wife Margaret died in 1961.

His daughter Margaret Inglis Miller Davidson remained at Cally House, where she died in 1997, aged 87.

Elizabeth Mary Grisell Swanson Davidson served with the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry during World War II. She married Francis John Wymer in the Sundridge Park Hotel, Bromley, Kent, in 1948, and settled in Kent.

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P566	Papers of the Davidson, Miller and Swanson families	1711-2019
P566/1	Papers of the Davidson family	1786-2019
P566/1/1	Records of the farms of Buckies, Old Hall, West Watten, and others run by the Davidson family	1786-1930
P566/1/1/1	Lease Agreements and Tacks	1845-1919
P566/1/1/1/1	Extension of a lease agreement between Sir Ralph Anstruther and William Davidson for the lands of Laid and Dun and Houstry of Dun (1 item)	1845
P566/1/1/1/2	Lease agreement for the Lands of West Watten, Banks and others, between the Duke of Portland and John Henry Davidson and James J.C. Davidson (1 item)	1906
P566/1/1/1/3	Lease agreement for Wester Watten Farm between The Duke of Portland and John Henry Davidson and James J.C. Davidson (1 item)	1919
P566/1/1/2	Financial records	1786-1920
P566/1/1/2/1	'Farm of Braenahiglash' account book. Also contains other financial transactions of John Davidson, including rental of lands of Orlig, cash paid for building a house in Thurso, cash paid for building office houses at Buckies, and other expenses (1 volume)	1786-1799
P566/1/1/2/2	Cash book for Ham and West Watten Farms. Records the financial transactions of both farms (1 volume)	1878-1915
P566/1/1/2/3	Account from Dunnet and Sutherland, Saddle and Harness Makers, to J.H. Davidson (1 item)	3 Jun 1879
P566/1/1/2/4	Account Book, West Watten Farm (1 volume)	31 Oct 1881 - 31 Oct 1901
P566/1/1/2/5	Notice to J.H. Davidson and George J.C.S. Davidson to pay Poor Rates. Includes a list of Registered Poor chargeable to the Parish of Watten (1 item)	1884

P566/1/1/2/6	Various accounts and receipts for purchases, sales, expenses, and other financial transactions for the farms of Old Hall, Buckies and West Watten. Includes details of farm workers' wages (2 bundles)	1884-1885
P566/1/1/2/7	Various accounts, receipts and correspondence for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for Old Hall and Buckies Farms (3 bundles)	1884-1886
P566/1/1/2/8	Various accounts, receipts and correspondence for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for Old Hall and Buckies Farms. Includes Notice to J.H. Davidson and George J.C.S. Davidson to pay Poor Rates. Includes a list of Registered Poor chargeable to the Parish of Watten (1 bundle)	1886
P566/1/1/2/9	Various accounts and receipts for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for Old Hall Farm (1 bundle)	1886
P566/1/1/2/10	Various accounts, receipts and correspondence for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for Old Hall and West Watten Farms (1 bundle)	1886-1887
P566/1/1/2/11	Various accounts, receipts and correspondence for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for Old Hall and West Watten Farms (1 bundle)	1886-1887
P566/1/1/2/12	Various accounts, receipts and correspondence for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for Old Hall and West Watten Farms (1 bundle)	1887-1888
P566/1/1/2/13	Various accounts, receipts and correspondence for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for Old Hall and West Watten Farms (1 bundle)	1887-1888
P566/1/1/2/14	Various accounts, receipts and correspondence for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for Old Hall Farm. Includes details of farm workers' wages (1 bundle)	1887-1888
P566/1/1/2/15	Accounts for manure purchased by John Henry Davidson from a ship stranded at Murkle (3 items)	Apr 1887

P566/1/1/2/16	Account book. Contains details of John Henry Davidson in account with various tenants, the new Hall in Watten and his son James Davidson (1 volume)	1896-1905
P566/1/1/2/17	Land valuation notice addressed to J.H. Davidson for Farm and House, Banks, and farm and House, West Watten (1 item)	1901
P566/1/1/2/18	Inventory of Farm Stock and Implements on West Watten Farm (1 volume)	1901-1918
P566/1/1/2/19	Account Book, West Watten Farm (1 volume)	31 Oct 1902-31 Oct 1910
P566/1/1/2/20	Valuation of sheep, cattle, horses, crop, implements etc. on West Watten Farm (1 item)	28 May 1905
P566/1/1/2/21	List of costs for fences [West Watten Farm] (1 item)	c.1905
P566/1/1/2/22	Note of costs for coal shed and grates [West Watten Farm] (1 item)	c.1905
P566/1/1/2/23	Various accounts and receipts for purchases, sales and other financial transactions for West Watten Farm (1 bundle)	1907-1908
P566/1/1/2/24	List of valuations due by Proprietrix Whitsunday 1919 to Tenant of West Watten Farm (1 item)	19 Oct 1918
P566/1/1/2/25	Statement of Wages of Farm Servants on Wester Watten Farm for half-year from Martinmas 1918 to Whitsunday 1919 (1 item)	Jun 1919
P566/1/1/2/26	Wester Watten and Banks Waygoing valuations (1 bundle)	1919
P566/1/1/2/27	Papers regarding the valuation of crops at West Watten payable to J.J.C. Davidson, outgoing tenant (1 bundle)	1919-1920
P566/1/1/3	Correspondence	1821-1930
P566/1/1/3/1	Correspondence and notes regarding farm matters, farm unknown (1 bundle)	1821
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P566/1/1/3/3	Correspondence from Walter Mowat, Ausdale, Berriedale to J.H. Davidson regarding the supply of oats, corn, etc. from the latter (1 bundle) [fragile]	1881-1887

P566/1/1/3/4	Letters from William Elder and Sons Limited, Agricultural Engineers and Ironfounders, Berwick on Tweed, to Mr James Davidson, West Watten, regarding an enquiry on Potato Digger attachments (2 items)	7 Oct 1908-16 Oct 1908
P566/1/1/3/5	Letter from the Caithness Agricultural Society regarding the National Insurance Act, 1911 (1 item)	21 Jun 1912
P566/1/1/3/6	Letter from the Board of Agriculture to J.J.C. Davidson regarding the boundaries of West Watten Farm during his tenancy, before the farm was let to the Department in 1919 (1 item)	6 Mar 1930
P566/1/1/4	Farm Reports and Agricultural returns	1881-1918
P566/1/1/4/1	Report on West Watten Farm as to state of dykes, gates, ditches and steading (1 item)	Mar 1881
P566/1/1/4/2	Old Hall Farm reports. Completed every two weeks. Information recorded includes livestock account, grain sold, grain milled, sundries received for farm and sundries delivered off farm (1 bundle)	1881
P566/1/1/4/3	Old Hall Farm reports. Completed every two weeks. Information recorded includes livestock account, grain sold, grain milled, sundries received for farm and sundries delivered off farm (1 bundle)	1882
P566/1/1/4/4	Old Hall Farm reports (1 bundle)	1883
P566/1/1/4/5	Old Hall Farm reports (1 bundle)	1884
P566/1/1/4/6	Old Hall Farm reports (1 bundle)	1885
P566/1/1/4/7	Draft copies of agricultural returns for the farms of Wester Watten and Banks, required by the Board of Agriculture for Scotland (1 bundle)	1902-1918
P566/1/1/4/8	West Watten Farm reports (1 bundle)	1912-1918
P566/1/1/4/9	West Watten Sheep Stock Accounts (5 items)	Oct 1918
P566/1/1/5	Various	1832-1918
P566/1/1/5/1	Programme for the Caithness Agricultural Society's Third Competition of Livestock (1 item)	31 Jul 1832

P566/1/1/5/2	Programme for the Caithness Agricultural Society's Fourth Competition of Livestock (1 item)	30 Jul 1833
P566/1/1/5/3	Newspapers: Three newspapers: The Inverness Courier, 4 Mar 1835; The Scotsman, 5 Oct 1883 (contains report on The Crofters Commission: The Clyth Case); Banffshire Journal, 3 Dec 1912 (3 items)	1835-1912
P566/1/1/5/4	Marine insurance certificate for a bull travelling from Scrabster to Aberdeen on the S.S. St. Clair (1 item)	18 Mar 1869
P566/1/1/5/5	Various agricultural trade circulars (8 volumes)	1877-1883
P566/1/1/5/6	Report on Experimental Turnip Culture by the Supersulphate Company (1 item)	1880
P566/1/1/5/7	Memorandum as to Farms of Old Hall (1 item)	c.1885
P566/1/1/5/8	Note of cattle bought at Lybster Market (1 item)	c.1885
P566/1/1/5/9	Programme for the Thurso Ornithological Society's Third Annual Competition and Exhibition (1 item)	2 Dec 1891
P566/1/1/5/10	Specification for proposed moss road at Scouthel (1 item)	1892
P566/1/1/5/11	Papers concerning water supply and drainage on West Watten Farm (1 bundle)	1883-1913
P566/1/1/5/12	Hiring sheet for West Watten Farm (1 item)	Sep 1900
P566/1/1/5/13	Plan of West Watten Farm (1 item)	c.1900
P566/1/1/5/14	Agricultural diary for West Watten Farm (1 volume)	1903
P566/1/1/5/15	Paper detailing the acreage of fields and the crops grown at West Watten Farm, with a plan of Banks Farm (1 item)	1903
P566/1/1/5/16	Specifications, quotes and correspondence regarding the erection of a fence at West Watten (6 items)	1904
P566/1/1/5/17	Handwritten list of voters and their yearly rent on West Watten Farm (2 items)	1903-1912
P566/1/1/5/18	Caithness Livestock Sales catalogue (1 item)	10 Feb 1911

P566/1/1/5/19	Programme for the Caithness Agricultural Society's 82 nd Competition of Livestock etc. (1 item)	31 Jul 1912
P566/1/1/5/20	Completed copies of Registration of Voters (Scotland) form, listing voters at West Watten (2 items)	1916-1918
P566/1/2	Records of John and Elizabeth Davidson	1803-c.1839
P566/1/2/1	Letters addressed to John Davidson, Sir John Sinclair's factor at Berriedale and Buckies, from Robert Gunn, regarding contributions by heritors for a new manse (2 items)	8-12 Jul 1803
P566/1/2/2	Various accounts and letters addressed to Mrs Elizabeth Davidson, Buckies, concerning payments for work on her house and the sale of farm produce (7 items)	1816-1827
P566/1/2/3	Davidson Family King James Bible. Inside page contains a family history of marriage, graduations, and deaths (1 volume)	c.1839
P566/1/3	Records of Sinclair Davidson	n.d.
P566/1/3/1	Papers detailing the military career of Captain Sinclair Davidson who served with the Cameron Highlanders and was killed at the battle of Fuentes d'Onor, part of the Peninsular War, on 7 th May 1811 (3 items)	n.d.
P566/1/4	Records of Simon Davidson	1789-1828
P566/1/4/1	Medical graduation certificate from The University of Aberdeen, awarded to Simon Davidson (1 item)	1789
P566/1/4/2	Papers of Dr Simon Davidson, Buckies. Includes employment references, disposition of settlement upon his death, and details of financial transactions in connection with Buckies Farm (1 bundle)	1809-1828
P566/1/5	Records of William Davidson	c.1819-2001
P566/1/5/1	Folder of notes and sketches by William Davidson, architect. Includes elevations of Major Sutherland's house, Nottingham; Mr MacLeay's entrance gate; and the Church of Wick (1 file)	c.1819

P566/1/5/2	Sketch of the village and pier of Balintraid, scrollwork sketch, and covering letter regarding Balintraid (3 items)	20 Dec 1820
P566/1/5/3	Letters addressed to Simon Munro, care of William Davidson, Stanstill, Wick, from Alex Munro, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada, recommending he become a merchant rather than a farmer if he emigrates to Canada (2 items)	1832
P566/1/5/4	Copy of John o' Groat Journal report on the death of William Davidson of Old Hall, dated 11 th February 1853 (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/5/5	Notes on William Davidson, architect, builder, and farmer, 1789–1853, by Elizabeth Beaton (2 items)	Feb 2001
P566/1/5/6	Framed memorial card bearing the inscription 'In Memory of William Davidson, Obit 9 th February, 1853, aged 63' (1 item)	c.1853
P566/1/6	Records of Reverend George Davidson	1814-c.1930
P566/1/6/1	Financial Records	1820-1873
P566/1/6/1/1	Account book of Rev. George Davidson. Lists stipend of Latheron for crop years 1820-1834. Also lists expenses and other income up to 1873. Includes accounts of expenses following the Disruption of 1843 including work on Gillivoan House, which served as the Free Church Manse immediately after the schism (1 volume)	29 Nov 1820 – 25 Jun 1873
P566/1/6/1/2	Various accounts and notes of financial transactions by Rev. George Davidson including heritors' stipend payments (1 bundle)	1823-1845
P566/1/6/1/3	Receipt from William Cooper, Velvet, Silk, and Satin Dyer for supplying and dyeing yarn (1 item)	1827
P566/1/6/1/4	Account from William Henderson and Son, Edinburgh, to Rev. George Davidson for tea, coffee, soap, and sugar (1 item)	1838
P566/1/6/1/5	Accounts for the rent of Pitmuxton, Aberdeen. Mr and Mrs Robertson in account with Messrs. Davidson. The Robertson's were the parents of George Davidson's first wife, Maria (5 items)	1844-1853

P566/1/6/1/6	Receipts and accounts for the board and education of Miss Davidson in Aberdeen (2 items)	1844
P566/1/6/1/7	Receipt made out to Mrs Davidson from James Donaldson, merchant in Wick, for household goods (1 item)	1845
P566/1/6/1/8	Accounts for the education of Miss [Annabella or Ann Isabella] Davidson in Edinburgh (2 items)	1862
P566/1/6/1/9	Accounts for the education of Miss [Annabella] Davidson in London (3 items)	1863
P566/1/6/1/10	Note stating 'The grate and oven were valued at £2' (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/6/2	Correspondence	1814-c.1860
P566/1/6/2/1	Correspondence regarding Lieutenant William Munro, his death in South Africa, and arrangements for the care of his orphan son (1 bundle) Lieutenant William Munro entered the Army as an Ensign in the Elgin Fencibles in 1798. He went on to become a Lieutenant in the 93 rd Regiment, serving in South Africa. He died there on the 15 th of September 1815, leaving behind an orphan son named Simon. Simon was taken back to Caithness by Simon Davidson, then Surgeon of H.M.S. Horatio, and placed in the care of Davidson's brother Reverend George Davidson, minister of Latheron.	6 Sep 1814-22 Apr 1825
P566/1/6/2/2	Letter from the Adjutant General's Office in Edinburgh to Rev. George Davidson asking him to verify the authenticity of a document in support of the marriage of Lieutenant General Patrick Sinclair (1 item)	15 Aug 1820
P566/1/6/2/3	Letter from Morison Snody, Factor to Temple Frederick Sinclair of Lybster, to Rev. George Davidson, regarding payment of stipend (2 items)	Dec 1823
P566/1/6/2/4	Letters from Peter Swanson, London, to Rev. George Davidson, Latheron, regarding the travel arrangements for Alexander Davidson's (George Davidson's brother) passage to India, the care of Swanson's mother, family news, financial matters, news of individuals in Caithness, London and abroad, politics, the Church, and	14 Mar 1827-14 Dec 1837

	land issues. Peter Swanson was the son of Charles Swanson, Upper Latheron (1 bundle)	
P566/1/6/2/5	Correspondence addressed to Rev. George Davidson regarding the settling of financial matters following his brother, Simon Davidson's death. Includes Testament Testamantar in favour of Reverend George Davidson as executor of Simon Davidson's will (3 items)	Nov 1829-Feb 1830
P566/1/6/2/6	Letter from the [Royal Navy] to the Rev. George Davidson regarding his brother Simon Davidson's will (1 item)	10 Dec 1829
P566/1/6/2/7	Letter from William Davidson to his brother Rev. George Davidson regarding a debt owed by their mother, and their sister Johanna's safe delivery of a daughter (1 item)	c.1832
P566/1/6/2/8	Letter from John Henderson, Exchequer Chambers, Edinburgh, to Rev. George Davidson acknowledging a payment made by Davidson to Henderson's father. Also mentions 'stirring times' in Church matters, and the prevention of Dr Gordon from preaching in any of the 'seven tainted parishes' (1 item)	21 Feb 1840
P566/1/6/2/9	Circular from the Free Church of Scotland regarding the formation of Sabbath Schools (1 item)	13 Dec 1843
P566/1/6/2/10	Letter from Rev. George Davidson to his son John Henry Davidson regarding missing seals (2 items)	1845
P566/1/6/2/11	Envelope containing two letters and a drawing addressed to John [Henry] Davidson, Custom House Office, Wick. One letter is from John's father, Rev. George Davidson, regarding building a new school at Latheron. The other is from George Davidson's second wife Angelica requesting a visit. The drawing is entitled 'The Red-Hot Poker Farce' (4 items)	1845
P566/1/6/2/12	Correspondence regarding efforts made to secure a position for John Henry Davidson in the Customs Office in Inverness. Written by Rev. George Davidson to John Henry Davidson and Harriet Mill (nee Davidson) (2 items)	c.1845
P566/1/6/2/13	Letter from Rev. George Davidson to John Henry Davidson with instructions to pay accounts as the former is without money (1 item)	19 Nov 1847

P566/1/6/2/14	Correspondence between Rev. George Davidson, Robert McLachlan, and John Henry Davidson regarding McLachlan's request for money (3 items)	1848
P566/1/6/2/15	Letters to Rev. George Davidson from James Mill, his son-in-law (3 items)	Jun 1860-Oct 1860
P566/1/6/2/16	Letter from Rev. George Davidson to John Henry Davidson regarding the latter going to Buckies Farm (2 items)	c.1860
P566/1/6/3	Various	1820-c.1930
P566/1/6/3/1	Excise Office Permit allowing Rev. George Davidson to receive goods by sea (2 items)	5 Jun 1820
P566/1/6/3/2	Will of James Henderson, Captain in the [Rothsay] and Caithness Regiment of Militia (1 item)	17 Jul 1824
P566/1/6/3/3	Prayers [composed by Rev. George Davidson] (2 items)	c.1830
P566/1/6/3/4	French exercise book belonging to Harriet Davidson (1 volume)	1840
P566/1/6/3/5	Agreement between the Reverend George Davidson and Hugh Davidson Esquire regarding the farms of Old Hall and Buckies, following the death of William Davidson (1 item)	1856
P566/1/6/3/6	Notes containing family details of Maria Serena Robertson, first wife of Rev. George Davidson (3 items)	c.1930
P566/1/6/3/7	Calling cards for Mr and Mrs Robert McLachlan (daughter and son-in-law of George Davidson) (3 items)	n.d.
P566/1/6/3/8	Calling cards for Mr and Mrs Mill (daughter and son-in-law of George Davidson) (3 items)	n.d.
P566/1/6/3/9	Biography of Rev. George Davidson, taken from the Ecclesiastical History of Caithness by Rev. D. Beaton (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/7	Records of Hugh Davidson	1836-1876
P566/1/7/1	Tacks, Leases, and other papers regarding land transactions	1836-1873
P566/1/7/1/1	Tenant's copy of the Tack between the Trustees of the late Sir J. Sinclair and Commissioners for	1836

	Sir George Sinclair and Hugh Davidson of the Farm of Thurso East (1 item)	
P566/1/7/1/2	Valuation of the possessions of Alexander Taylor and William McKay, Braemore, including roof couples and windows (1 item)	26 May 1852- 23 Sep 1871
P566/1/7/1/3	Conditions of let, Tresdale Farm and Grazings (2 item)	1858
P566/1/7/1/4	Valuation of Timber on the Houses in Braemore presently occupied by William McLeod (1 item)	23 May 1860
P566/1/7/1/5	Duplicate lease between the Earl of Caithness and Hugh Davidson for the farm and grazings of Tresdale (1 item)	1860
P566/1/7/1/6	Papers from a legal action raised against Hugh Davidson and others by John Gunn, residing at Dalnaha, for money owed at the end of the lease of Achscoriclett (2 items)	1860
P566/1/7/1/7	Correspondence between Hugh Davidson and Peter Keith, Factor to Lord Caithness, regarding enlarging Tresdale Farm (4 items)	Aug 1860- Sep 1860
P566/1/7/1/8	Letter from A.C [Alexander Charles] Davidson to Hugh Davidson regarding his proposals for Buckies Farm (2 items)	12 Mar 1861
P566/1/7/1/9	Assignment by William Sinclair in favour of Hugh Davidson, acknowledging payment of meliorations due to Sinclair on the expiry of his lease of the farm of Dun (1 item)	1865
P566/1/7/1/10	Tack betwixt Sir Robert Anstruther of Balcaskie and Messrs Hugh Davidson and John Henry Davidson for the Lands and Grazings in Braemore (1 item)	1866
P566/1/7/1/11	Copy memo Proposed arrangements for enlarging the farm at Braemore (1 item)	5 Feb 1870
P566/1/7/1/12	Correspondence between James Nicolson, Alexander Henderson, and Hugh Davidson regarding arrangements for land at Braemore (2 items)	14 Mar 1870-12 Apr 1870
P566/1/7/1/13	Copy minute of agreement with Messrs Hugh Davidson and John Henry Davidson for a fourteen years lease of the farm lately occupied by Alexander MacPherson along with the farm at present possessed by William Mackay, Braemore (1 item)	1871

P566/1/7/1/14	Letters from Ulbster Estates Office to Hugh Davidson regarding his knowledge of the lease agreement of Achscoriclate and Dalnaha (2 items)	Feb 1872
P566/1/7/1/15	Letter from James Nicolson, Stemster, Halkirk, to Hugh Davidson, Old Hall, regarding a dispute over a fence (1 item)	1 Feb 1873
P566/1/7/2	Financial Records	1826-1876
P566/1/7/2/1	Account book. Contains financial transactions concerning property rental and the herring fishing trade in Staxigoe (1 volume)	1826-1832
P566/1/7/2/2	Receipts for goods and services purchased by Hugh Davidson (3 items)	1845-1846
P566/1/7/2/3	Receipt for payment to Sinclair Dunnet, Dunn, from Hugh Davidson, for two calves (1 item)	Jul 1863
P566/1/7/2/4	Papers and accounts concerning a debt of £10 owed to Hugh Davidson by George McDonald, and the subsequent legal action to recover it (5 items)	1865-1874
P566/1/7/2/5	Receipt issued to Mr Davidson by Leith Flint Glass Company for glassware (1 item)	c.1870
P566/1/7/2/6	Letter of authority from John Waters McDonald, Walhalla, North Gippsland, Victoria, Australia, authorising his bank to pay and deliver over to Hugh Davidson, Old Hall, any money belonging to the said John McDonald (1 item)	26 Nov 1872
P566/1/7/2/7	Receipt for payment to Mrs John Sutherland or Waters from the representatives of Hugh Davidson of Old Hall (1 item)	1875
P566/1/7/3	Various	1819-1876
P566/1/7/3/1	Rules and Regulations for the Distribution of the Officers' Shares of Seizures, Customhouse, Edinburgh (1 item)	10 Feb 1819
P566/1/7/3/2	List of names of poor in the New Town west of Traill Street and south of Swanson's Lane in the Old Town, parish of Thurso (1 item)	c.1830
P566/1/7/3/3	Papers relating to James Waters, Collector of Customs, Inverness (7 items) Includes:	1840-1859

	<p>Letter from the North British Insurance Office to James Waters Esq. requesting the settlement of a promissory note, 14 Jul 1840 (1 item)</p> <p>Letter from Aberdeen Town and County Bank to James Waters Esq. regarding an insurance policy, 7 Oct 1850 (1 item)</p> <p>Minute of agreement betwixt James Waters, Collector of Customs, Inverness, and William Tait, Factor for Sir George Sinclair of Ulbster, Bart., regarding the Farm and Grazings of Achscoriclett, 8 Apr 1851 (1 item)</p> <p>Latter Will and Testament of James Waters Esquire, Collector of Customs, Inverness, 29 Sep 1852 (1 item)</p> <p>State of Debt, Alexander R. McLeay Esq., to the late James Waters, Collector of Customs, Inverness, 1852 (1 item)</p> <p>Agreement for Renunciation of Achscoriclett and Dalnaha at Whitsunday 1859 by Hugh Davidson, acting for the late Collector James Waters, 12 Jan 1859 (2 items)</p>	
P566/1/7/3/4	Letters from Hugh Davidson to his nephew John Henry Davidson regarding their work in Customs and Excise, family news, and the rental of Buckies (1 bundle)	1849-1873
P566/1/7/3/5	Account of Hugh Davidson's Intromissions with the Estate of the late William Davidson (1 item)	1853-1857
P566/1/7/3/6	Letter from Hugh Davidson to his brother Rev. George Davison regarding Scrabster Harbour Trustees (2 items)	20 Oct 1860
P566/1/7/3/7	Subscription list of contributors to an appeal to send a son of William Henderson, Grieve at Buckies Farm, to the Deaf and Dumb Institution in Edinburgh (1 item)	1865
P566/1/7/3/8	Papers regarding the organisation and administration of a roup sale of overstock at Old Hall with stocking and implements belonging to Lieurary Farm. Includes list of purchasers (1 bundle)	May 1866-Jun 1866
P566/1/7/3/9	Dinner invitation from Alexander Henderson, Stemster, Halkirk Road, to Hugh Davidson, Old Hall (1 item)	5 Aug 1872

P566/1/7/3/10	Lease by Hugh Davidson, Trustee of the Thurso Gas Light Company, in favour of Thomas William Stears (1 item)	1872
P566/1/7/3/11	Papers concerning the administration of the estate of Hugh Davidson (1 bundle)	1873-1876
P566/1/7/3/12	Framed memorial card bearing the inscription 'In Memory of Hugh Davidson, who died at Old Hall, 11 th December 1873, aged 80 years, and Alexander Charles Davidson, who died 15 th December 1873, aged 67, "In death they were not divided"' (1 item)	c.1873
P566/1/8	Records of John Henry Davidson	1845-1918
P566/1/8/1	Financial Records	1845-1912
P566/1/8/1/1	2 rent receipts for property in Isle of Man, receipts for pew sittings, receipts for dog tax, and amounts paid by J.H. Davidson for amount of lights collected, signed by H. Davidson (1 bundle)	1845-1854
P566/1/8/1/2	Invoices, receipts and accounts for boat repair and maintenance and printing expenses incurred by the Honourable Commissioners of Customs (1 bundle)	1845-1858
P566/1/8/1/3	Bundle of receipts and accounts, J.H. Davidson for various shoes, boots and repairs (1 bundle)	1845-1859
P566/1/8/1/4	Invoices, receipts and accounts for clothes and tailoring (1 bundle)	1845-1860
P566/1/8/1/5	Bundle of receipts for freight carriage with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co., James Bremner, Pulteneytown, and others, in the names of John or J.H. Davidson and Mr Manson (1 bundle)	1846-1857
P566/1/8/1/6	Invoices, receipts and accounts for various newspaper subscriptions (1 bundle)	1847-1859
P566/1/8/1/7	Assignment transferring shares in Wick and Pulteneytown Gas Light Company owned by P&R Maclachlan to John Henry Davidson (1 item)	1848
P566/1/8/1/8	Invoices for expenses incurred by the Customs House, Peel, to James Gelling (3 items)	1850-1852
P566/1/8/1/9	Various invoices and receipts for purchases of furniture and other household goods (1 bundle)	1850-1858

P566/1/8/1/10	Accounts for travel expenses incurred by J.H. Davidson (1 bundle)	1850-1859
P566/1/8/1/11	Various invoices and correspondence relating to the purchase and cleaning of watches and clocks (1 bundle)	1850-1876
P566/1/8/1/12	Receipts and account books for board, lodging and living expenses in Ireland, Isle of Man and Edinburgh (1 bundle)	1850-1860
P566/1/8/1/13	Invoices, receipts and accounts for the goods and services of various doctors and chemists provided to the Honourable Commissioners of Customs (1 bundle)	1851-1858
P566/1/8/1/14	Bundle of billheads and receipts, J.H. Davidson in account with merchants for provisions, inc. wines and spirits and groceries (1 bundle)	1852-1854
P566/1/8/1/15	Memorandum book with lists of household expenses and other financial transactions (1 item)	1854
P566/1/8/1/16	Invoices, receipts and accounts for household expenses, home furnishings and clothing for J.H. Davidson and his family at Buckies and Old Hall (1 bundle)	1871-1876
P566/1/8/1/17	Receipts for services provided by Alexander Johnston, Photographer, to Mrs Davidson (3 items)	1873-1875
P566/1/8/1/18	List of items and their cost bought at sale at Old Hall by Mr Davidson, Buckies (5 items)	7 May 1874
P566/1/8/1/19	Receipt for wages received by Ann Cormack from John Davidson, Buckies (1 item)	21 Sep 1874
P566/1/8/1/20	Various receipts and invoices for additions, improvements and decoration of Old Hall House (1 bundle)	1874-1875
P566/1/8/1/21	Valuation of Sundries left in House of Old Hall (2 items)	1874
P566/1/8/1/22	Various receipts for memorial monuments and their erection (8 items)	1875-1876
P566/1/8/1/23	Account of expenses of conveyances to Mr J.H. Davidson of Mrs Mill's and Mrs McLachlan's Shares of Pitstruan with covering letter and receipt (3 items)	1876

P566/1/8/1/24	Account of the executry of the late James Calder Swanson Esq., Gerston, to Brims and Macdonald, Writers, Thurso (1 item)	1876
P566/1/8/1/25	Account, John H. Davidson, Old Hall to Brims and Mackay, Solicitors, Thurso. Itemises the work undertaken by Brims and Mackay for J.H. Davidson between 1876 and 1881 (1 item)	1881
P566/1/8/1/26	Account, John Henry Davidson, Old Hall, to Brims and Mackay, Solicitors, Thurso. Itemises the work undertaken by Brims and Mackay for J.H. Davidson between 1881 and 1886 (2 items)	1886
P566/1/8/1/27	Insurance Policy Record Book (1 volume)	1898-1911
P566/1/8/1/28	Prescriptions issued by T.W. Maxwell, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Strathpeffer, to Mr Davidson, Macgregor's Hotel, Strathpeffer (6 items)	Oct 1912
P566/1/8/2	Correspondence	1837-1912
P566/1/8/2/1	Letters to John Henry Davidson from [a colleague] (4 items)	1837
P566/1/8/2/2	Letter from F.L.B. Murray, Edinburgh, to John Henry Davidson regarding their studies and the death of a Mr Duncan in Edinburgh (2 items)	4 May 1845
P566/1/8/2/3	Letters from James Waters to John Henry Davidson regarding family and work matters. Mention of James Bremner's successful bid to attempt to raise the S.S. Great Britain (4 items) [see P566/1/7/3/3 for other James Waters related papers]	13 Aug 1846 – 23 Jun 1849
P566/1/8/2/4	Letters to John Henry Davidson from [his sister] Maria Serena Davidson (1 bundle)	1846-1876
P566/1/8/2/5	Correspondence regarding John Henry Davidson's employment with HM Customs (1 file)	27 Nov 1847- 2 Jan 1862
P566/1/8/2/6	Letters to John Henry Davidson from his aunt Margaret Swanson, Gerston (sister of John's father and mother of Elizabeth, his future wife) (1 bundle)	1849-1853
P566/1/8/2/7	Letters from Moses Buchanan, Glasgow, to John Henry Davidson (6 items)	19 Jun 1849-23 Sep 1858

P566/1/8/2/8	Letters from James C. Swanson to John Henry and Elizabeth Davidson (his son-in-law and daughter respectively) (1 bundle)	24 June 1849- 13 Jul 1872
P566/1/8/2/9	Letter from Charles [Thomson], Wick, to John Henry Davidson (2 items)	13 Jul 1849
P566/1/8/2/10	Letters from Edward Bremner, Bexley Terrace, Wick, to John Henry Davidson in the Isle of Man. The letters mainly concern women and are quite lewd in tone (6 items)	23 Jul 1849-28 Oct 1850
P566/1/8/2/11	Letters from G[eorge] Wood to his cousin John Henry Davidson regarding working in Customs and the health of their uncle (8 items)	23 Jul 1849- 17 Apr 1857
P566/1/8/2/12	Letter from [Jm] Mackay, Wick, to John Henry Davidson regarding subscriptions to Wick Free Church Manse and a drowning incident on Watten Loch (2 items)	22 Aug 1849
P566/1/8/2/13	Letter from Stuart Rose, Wick, to John Henry Davidson regarding the drowning of the Sheriff Substitute on Watten Loch, the biggest catch of herring taken at Wick Harbour and other news from around the harbour (2 items)	23 Aug 1849
P566/1/8/2/14	Letter from an anonymous correspondent, pen name 'Adolescent', to John Henry Davidson, attempting to induce him to give up his job in the Isle of Man for a sum of money so he could obtain the situation himself (3 items)	18 Sep 1849
P566/1/8/2/15	Letters from H. Baldwin, Peel, Isle of Man, and London, to John Henry Davidson, Isle of Man (1 bundle)	5 Oct 1849-30 Jan 1852
P566/1/8/2/16	Letter from Johanna Wood (nee Davidson) to her nephew John Henry Davidson (2 items)	27 Dec 1849
P566/1/8/2/17	Letters to John Henry Davidson from his sister Harriet Mill (1 bundle)	1849-1853
P566/1/8/2/18	Letter from David Bremner, Pulteneytown, to John Henry Davidson, Douglas, Isle of Man, regarding family news and news of marriages in Wick (2 items)	2 Feb 1850
P566/1/8/2/19	Letters from Macfin, Dublin, to John Henry Davidson, Douglas and Westport (4 items)	11 Apr 1850-22 Jan 1858
P566/1/8/2/20	Letter from unknown correspondent, Long Room Customs, Dublin, to John Henry Davidson,	10 Oct 1850

	Douglas, offering his job in exchange for Davidsons (1 item)	
P566/1/8/2/21	Letter from Macfin, Customs House, Dublin, to John Henry Davidson, Douglas, Isle of Man, regarding exchanging his position with another Customs employee who has a strained relationship with the Collector in his office (2 items)	12 Oct 1850
P566/1/8/2/22	Death notice for James Prentice, eldest son of the Rev. Charles Thomson of Wick (2 items)	17 Apr 1851
P566/1/8/2/23	Letters from unknown Customs employee to John Henry Davidson regarding a complaint that has been made against him (3 items)	Apr 1851
P566/1/8/2/24	Letter from unknown correspondent, Singapore Roads, to John Henry Davidson, regarding the writer's journey to India and his desire to return home (1 item)	22 Jul 1851
P566/1/8/2/25	Letter from Mr Russell, Douglas, to John Henry Davidson, Free Church Manse, Latheron, regarding the death of Davidson's stepmother Angelica Chisholm Murray (2 items)	7 Aug 1851
P566/1/8/2/26	Letter from Richard ?? to John Henry Davidson in Douglas, Isle of Man, asking if he knows if Miss Penberthy is engaged and how old she is [Possibly Thomasina Penberthy, age 16, father Comptroller of Customs, Conchan, Isle of Man from 1851 Census] (2 items)	6 Sep 1851
P566/1/8/2/27	Letters from Mr Howlett to John Henry Davidson regarding visits and payment of receipts (6 items)	23 Sep 1851- Apr 1952
P566/1/8/2/28	Letters from G. Clements, Customs House, London, to John Henry Davidson regarding Post Office orders (7 items)	15 Oct 1851-23 Sep 1854
P566/1/8/2/29	Letters from Thomas Rigden, Dover, and P. Rushworth, Brompton, to John Henry Davidson, regarding Mrs Sims and the debts of her son. Includes various invoices and statements regarding the debts of Mr Sims (1 bundle)	10 Jan 1852-5 May 1852
P566/1/8/2/30	Letters from Thomas Young, Peel, Isle of Man, to John Henry Davidson, regarding removing Mr Sims (Principal Coast Officer of Customs, Peel) and his mother to friends in Dover (6 items)	Feb 1852-Mar 1852

P566/1/8/2/31	Letters from J[oseph] Baldwin, Stockton on Tees, to John Henry Davidson, Douglas, Isle of Man, regarding the insanity of Customs employee Frederick Sims (1 bundle)	Feb 1852-Jun 1852
P566/1/8/2/32	Correspondence regarding debts owed to John Henry Davidson by Robert Heywood Johnson, Printer, and Henry Johnson, both of Douglas, Isle of Man (1 bundle)	15 Apr 1852- 7 Oct 1871
P566/1/8/2/33	Letters from Robert Lewin, Bradford, to John Henry Davidson (1 bundle)	21 Apr 1852 – 21 Jun 1855
P566/1/8/2/34	Letter from James Manson, Wick, to John Henry Davidson regarding a request for a loan to facilitate his proposed emigration to Australia (1 item)	7 Jun 1852
P566/1/8/2/35	Letter from John Henry Davidson to James Manson regarding his request for a loan (2 items)	11 Jun 1852
P566/1/8/2/36	Death notice for Miss Margaret Walker, aged 17 years, Kirk Braddan, Isle of Man (3 items)	5 Nov 1852
P566/1/8/2/37	Letters from the Penberthy family, Londonderry, to John Henry Davidson (1 bundle)	1852-1856
P566/1/8/2/38	Letters to John Henry Davidson from various friends including Janet Lewin, Robert Lewin, Mr Jones, Mr Johnston and Mr Moore (1 bundle)	1852-1858
P566/1/8/2/39	Draft letter to the Editor of The Shipping Gazette regarding the reputation of the Custom House from 'an Officer of Customs' (2 items)	c.1852
P566/1/8/2/40	Letter from Elizabeth Swanson to her cousin (and future husband), John Henry Davidson (1 item)	14 May 1853
P566/1/8/2/41	Letters from Walter Paton, London, to John Henry Davidson, Ramsey, Isle of Man, regarding the shipping of wine (1 bundle)	Mar 1854-Jul 1854
P566/1/8/2/42	Letter to the Customs Office in Ramsey enquiring whether the Packet Boat will sail from Ramsey to Liverpool (2 items)	4 Apr 1854
P566/1/8/2/43	Letter from Mr Russell congratulating John Henry Davidson on his promotion to a position in Ramsey, Isle of Man (2 items)	18 Apr 1854
P566/1/8/2/44	Letters to John Henry Davidson from his sister Harriet Mill (1 bundle)	1854-1882

P566/1/8/2/45	Letters from George Paton, Ramsey and Ormly, Isle of Man, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, Ireland, concerning news from Ramsey. Includes a draft reply from Davidson (1 bundle)	16 Jan 1855 – 24 Apr 1858
P566/1/8/2/46	Letters from M. Stowell to John Henry Davidson, Westport, Ireland (1 bundle)	Mar 1855- Dec 1858
P566/1/8/2/47	Letter from L. Lockheart, Isle of Man, to John Henry Davidson regarding working life in HM Customs (2 items)	5 Jun 1855
P566/1/8/2/48	Death notice for Miss MacIver, Ormly, near Ramsey, Isle of Man. Includes draft condolence letter [written by John Henry Davidson] (2 items)	6 Jul 1855
P566/1/8/2/49	Letters from Alex. Davidson to his nephew John Henry Davidson (1 bundle)	26 Jul 1855-13 Jul 1872
P566/1/8/2/50	Letter from Customs House, Westport regarding an application (1 item)	28 Aug 1855
P566/1/8/2/51	Letters from Rev. Richard Smyth (from various addresses in Ireland) to John Henry Davidson during Davidson's time in Westport, Ireland (12 items)	28 Dec 1855- 28 May 1858
P566/1/8/2/52	Letters to John Henry Davidson from various correspondents (1 bundle)	1855-1863
P566/1/8/2/53	Letters from P. Campbell, a fellow Customs Officer, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, containing news of various subjects concerning the Customs service (1 bundle)	21 Jan 1856 - 12 Mar 1861
P566/1/8/2/54	Letters from C.W. Peach, Wick, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, regarding personnel in various Customs offices. Mention of Stevenson surveying for a new harbour at Wick, and a disaster in Wick Bay where 6 men drowned (6 items)	9 Apr 1856-3 Jul 1857
P566/1/8/2/55	Letters from P. Fawcett, Woodbridge and Perth, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, regarding changes in the Customs service (1 bundle)	16 Apr 1856-7 Dec 1858
P566/1/8/2/56	Death notice for John Gunn, late of Dale, who died at Westerdale Manse on the 13 th Nov 1856. Fragile (2 items)	13 Nov 1856
P566/1/8/2/57	Letters from Londonderry to John Henry Davidson regarding bank post bills and a subscription for Latheron Free Church (4 items)	13 Dec 1856–19 Jan 1857

P566/1/8/2/58	Letters to John Henry Davidson from various members of the Mill family. John's sister Harriet married James Mill, a surgeon in Thurso. Their children included Maria, Agnes, George, Harriet, Margaret, Ann, Hugh Robert and William Alexander (1 bundle)	1856-1863
P566/1/8/2/59	Letters from Samuel Walker, Bank of Mona, Douglas, Isle of Man, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, regarding his new job in the bank and news of the social scene in Douglas (3 items)	10 Jan 1857 - 27 Sep 1858
P566/1/8/2/60	Letters from George Steele, Keady, Co. Armagh, to John Henry Davidson, Westport (4 items)	17 Apr 1857 – 31 May 1859
P566/1/8/2/61	Letters from Robert H. Harshaw, Donaghmore and Mullingar, Ireland, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, regarding their friendship and church matters (6 items)	29 Jul 1857 – 26 Sep 1857
P566/1/8/2/62	Letters from Miss Patterson and M. McGuffog to John Henry Davidson, Douglas, regarding travel arrangements (4 items)	19 Dec 1857
P566/1/8/2/63	Letters to John Henry Davidson from his sister Annabella. Includes receipt for Miss [Annabella] Davidson's school and living expenses in Edinburgh (1 bundle)	1857-1861
P566/1/8/2/64	Letter from George James Macdonald, King William's College, Castletown, Isle of Man, to John Henry Davidson, Westport (2 items)	26 Jan 1858
P566/1/8/2/65	Letters from Alexander Mackintosh, Blacksod, Belmullet, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, regarding the shipping of fish (3 items)	30 Jan 1858-Feb 1858
P566/1/8/2/66	Notice of remembrance of John Robert Richardson (2 items)	16 Mar 1858
P566/1/8/2/67	Death notice for Margaret McGuffog, who died 11 th June 1858, Isle of Man (2 items)	11 Jun 1858
P566/1/8/2/68	Letters from George Malcolm, Saddler in Wick, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, regarding the establishment of his own Saddler's shop in Wick (3 items)	11 Sep 1858 – 30 Sep 1858
P566/1/8/2/69	Letter from John Steven, Rathlee, Co. Sligo, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, regarding Customs work and payment of a debt (2 items)	26 Oct 1858

P566/1/8/2/70	Letters from John R[ubio], Islington, to John Henry Davidson, regarding his financial position and work with HM Customs (5 items)	9 Nov 1858-13 Nov 1858
P566/1/8/2/71	Letter from Henry Johnston, Douglas, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, regarding a debt owed to Davidson (2 items)	9 Oct 1860
P566/1/8/2/72	Letter from David Gay, Crail, Fife, to John Henry Davidson, Westport, giving advice on leaving the Customs service (3 items)	8 Dec 1860
P566/1/8/2/73	Draft letter written by John Henry Davidson regarding an offer by his Uncle at Old Hall to return to Caithness and take up farming (1 item)	c.1860
P566/1/8/2/74	Letters addressed to 'My Dear David' [John Henry Davidson] from Emma Reilly, Dublin and Liverpool (1 bundle)	1862-1863
P566/1/8/2/75	Letters from Margaret Davidson, Craigholm, Burntisland, to John Henry Davidson, Old Hall (8 items)	19 Oct 1863 - 21 Dec 1863
P566/1/8/2/76	Letter from J. Miller, Dounreay, to John Henry Davidson, Old Hall, regarding agricultural matters (2 items)	16 May 1864
P566/1/8/2/77	Letter from J. Miller, Dounreay, to John Henry Davidson, Old Hall (2 items)	c.1864
P566/1/8/2/78	Letter from the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, Belmont St., Aberdeen, to John Henry Davidson acknowledging his payment of a quarter's fees for George Henderson and an update on the boy's progress (1 item)	10 Nov 1865
P566/1/8/2/79	Dinner invitation from Mr and Mrs Henderson, Sinclair Terrace, Wick, to John Davidson, Bexley Terrace, Wick (2 items)	c.1865
P566/1/8/2/80	Letter from Janet Thomson, Free Manse, to John Henry Davidson regarding delivering a parcel to 'James' (1 item)	c.1865
P566/1/8/2/81	Letters from E.A.J. Davidson (nee Swanson) to her husband John Henry Davidson (1 bundle)	1862-1888
P566/1/8/2/82	Letters from [William Wood] to John Henry Davidson regarding financial matters (5 items)	2 Dec 1871 – 17 Jan 1872

P566/1/8/2/83	Letter from James Gunn, Sibster, Wick, to John Henry Davidson, Buckies, regarding the lease of Buckies and news of his son (2 items)	15 Jun 1872
P566/1/8/2/84	Letter from A Macphail, Elgin, to John Henry Davidson, Buckies, regarding deaths in the Davidson family (2 items)	5 May 1874
P566/1/8/2/85	Correspondence regarding the duty chargeable on the leases to which J.H. Davidson succeeded on his uncle's death [Hugh Davidson] (2 items)	1876
P566/1/8/2/86	Letters from George Davidson to his father John Henry Davidson while at school in Edinburgh (1 bundle)	2 Oct 1878 – 2 Mar 1886
P566/1/8/2/87	Letters from Maggie Maria Serena Davidson to her father John Henry Davidson regarding general news and family matters (8 items)	6 Jun 1879 - 2 Dec 1882
P566/1/8/2/88	Letters from Hugh Robert Mill to his Uncle John Henry Davidson regarding Davidson's son George's education in Edinburgh (5 items)	3 Jan 1881-10 Jan 1881
P566/1/8/2/89	Letters from John Gunn, Dale, Halkirk, to John Henry Davidson, Old Hall, regarding the servicing of his sows by Davidson's boar (2 items)	19 Apr 1881-5 May 1881
P566/1/8/2/90	Letter from E.A.J. Davidson to her daughter 'Maggie' (1 item)	21 Oct 1882
P566/1/8/2/91	Letter from John Henry Davidson to his daughter Maggie at school in Edinburgh (1 item)	10 Nov 1882
P566/1/8/2/92	Letters to John Henry Davidson from his son Hugh detailing his schooling in Edinburgh and a holiday to London where he visited various landmarks and the International Inventions Exhibition in 1885 (4 items)	22 Jul 1885 – 22 Dec 1885
P566/1/8/2/93	Letter from the Millers, Bridge of Allan, to John Henry Davidson, confirming their attendance at his daughter's wedding. Fragile (3 items)	5 Apr 1899
P566/1/8/2/94	Letter from Alex Mackay, Brims and Mackay Solicitors, to John Henry Davidson regarding the clerkship of Scrabster Harbour Trust (2 items)	12 Dec 1910
P566/1/8/2/95	Letter from John Henry Mill to his Uncle John (John Henry Davidson) (1 item)	c.1910

P566/1/8/2/96	Letter of condolence to John Henry Davidson from Rev. David Lillie regarding the death of his sister Harriet (2 items)	1 Jun 1911
P566/1/8/2/97	Condolence letter from Harriet Davidson, Stanstill, Wick, to her father [John Henry Davidson] on the loss of his sister Harriet (1 item)	7 Jun 1911
P566/1/8/2/98	Letter to John H. Davidson regarding the late Harriet Gordon Mill's shares in the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company (1 item)	7 Jun 1911
P566/1/8/2/99	Draft letter from John Henry Davidson to 'Harrie and Lucy' [his daughters Harriet and Louisa] regarding his sister's [Harriet] death (2 items)	15 Jun 1911
P566/1/8/2/100	Letters from Lucy [Louisa] Campbell to her father John Henry Davidson (3 items)	1912
P566/1/8/2/101	Letter from John George Tollemache Sinclair to the Tenantry on the Ulbster Estates regarding the transfer of the Estates to his grandson Archibald Henry Macdonald Sinclair (1 item)	15 May 1912
P566/1/8/2/102	Letter from Netta, Old Hall, to 'My Dearest Faither'. Also contains messages from grandsons Jack and Willie (3 items)	n.d.
P566/1/8/2/103	Note [to John Henry Davidson] giving thanks for a gift and farming news. Unsigned (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/8/2/104	Empty envelope (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/8/3	Various	c.1838-1918
P566/1/8/3/1	Transcription of a Hymn 'repeated by a person above 90 years of age, to a lady above 80 years of age' (1 item)	c.1838
P566/1/8/3/2	Handwritten transcription of 'Heliogabolus, the great physician, a fragment of An Oriental Manuscript (1 item)	c.1838
P566/1/8/3/3	Songs written by John Henry Davidson. Includes one titled 'Lord Olig on land letting', a song critical of Lord Olig's practices as a landlord (1 bundle)	1838-1839
P566/1/8/3/4	'All Fool's Day, 1860' printed poem (2 items)	May 1860
P566/1/8/3/5	Sutherland and Caithness Railway Company Statements of Account (1 bundle)	1875-1884

P566/1/8/3/6	The Highland Railway Company Statement of Accounts (1 bundle)	1885-1897
P566/1/8/3/7	The Highland Railway Company Report of Half-Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders (2 items)	1897
P566/1/8/3/8	Marriage contract of the Rev. James Henderson and Margaret Maria Serena Davidson, daughter of John Henry Davidson of Old Hall (1 item)	Apr 1899
P566/1/8/3/9	Disposition and Settlement by Mary Sutherland, domestic servant at Old Hall in favour of James John Christian, Ada, Harriet, and Louisa Davidson (1 item)	1905-1912
P566/1/8/3/10	Copy Trust Disposition and Settlement and relative Codicils of John Henry Davidson, Esquire of Old Hall (1 item)	30 Mar 1918
P566/1/8/3/11	Newspaper cutting of an article explaining the new Stamp Act (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/8/3/12	Paper containing rough notes (2 items)	n.d.
P566/1/8/3/13	Blank memorandums from J.H. Davidson & Sons, Old Hall, Watten (2 items)	n.d.
P566/1/9	Records of James John Christian Davidson, his wife Margaret Davidson née Miller, and their daughters Elizabeth and Margaret	1899-c.2000
P566/1/9/1	Correspondence	1899-1990
P566/1/9/1/1	Correspondence addressed to J.J.C. Davidson and Dr. H.A.C. Davidson regarding Mr and Mrs James Henderson's Marriage Contact Trust (1 bundle)	29 May 1899 – 22 May 1925
P566/1/9/1/2	Correspondence between James J.C. Davidson, his father John Henry Davidson, and John Miller of Scrabster regarding the proposed marriage of James J.C. Davidson and Miller's daughter Margaret (Grettie) (1 bundle)	15 Sep 1899- 2 Feb 1906
P566/1/9/1/3	Report of palm readings taken from casts addressed to James Davidson, Old Hall (3 items)	3 May 1901
P566/1/9/1/4	Letter Book of James J.C. Davidson (1 volume)	4 Dec 1905 – 7 Oct 1921
P566/1/9/1/5	Letter regarding Mr and Mrs Davidson's M.C. Trust (1 item)	1906

P566/1/9/1/6	Correspondence regarding wedding gifts for James J.C. Davidson and Miss Margaret Miller (6 items)	1906
P566/1/9/1/7	Letters from John Henry Davidson to his daughter-in-law Margaret (Grettie) Davidson (1 bundle)	8 Mar 1906-2 Nov 1911
P566/1/9/1/8	Personal correspondence addressed to Mrs Margaret Davidson (8 items)	1906-1913
P566/1/9/1/9	Correspondence addressed to James J.C. Davidson regarding domestic and farming affairs (1 bundle)	1908-1919
P566/1/9/1/10	Letter to Margaret (Grettie) Davidson from Harriet Mill congratulating her on the birth of her baby (2 items)	21 Mar 1910
P566/1/9/1/11	Letters from William Davidson to his father John Henry Davidson and his brother James J.C. Davidson regarding financial matters (1 bundle)	28 Sep 1910 – 27 Aug 1912
P566/1/9/1/12	Letters from James J.C. Davidson to his wife Margaret Davidson during his time serving as an officer in the First World War. Transcriptions available in searchroom (3 bundles)	6 Aug 1914-Jul 1917
P566/1/9/1/13	Letters from officers, soldiers, and their families to Colonel James J.C. Davidson. They include details of military operations, injuries sustained in battle, letters regarding the deaths of soldiers, and the military career of Davidson (1 bundle)	1914-1919
P566/1/9/1/14	Letter from the Parish Council of Thurso to Colonel James J.C. Davidson containing an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting held 28 th Jun 1915 of a motion of appreciation of the services of the 5 th Seaforth Highlanders (1 item)	29 Jun 1915
P566/1/9/1/15	Letter from John Henry Mill Davidson to his brother James J.C. Davidson regarding his work at Fairfield Engine and Shipbuilding Works in Glasgow and family news (3 items)	27 Sep 1915
P566/1/9/1/16	Letter from George Davidson to his sister-in-law Margaret (Grettie) Davidson regarding arrangements for the farms (3 items)	c.1915
P566/1/9/1/17	Letter from George Davidson to his brother Colonel James Davidson, Headquarters, 35 th Division British Expeditionary Force, regarding agricultural matters at home (1 item)	26 Jun 1917

P566/1/9/1/18	Letter from Jean, 'Morven', Couper Angus, to her uncle James J.C. Davidson (1 item)	1 Jul 1917
P566/1/9/1/19	Letter from Alfred Macaulay, Solicitor, to Major James J.C. Davidson regarding extending Davidson's lease at West Watten Farm (2 items)	6 Aug 1917
P566/1/9/1/20	Letter from Colonel James J.C. Davidson to Donald McKay, Factor, Thurso, regarding extending his lease at West Watten Farm (2 items)	11 Aug 1917
P566/1/9/1/21	Letter from Elizabeth Davidson (Bear/Grisell) to her 'Daddy', James J.C. Davidson, enquiring how he is getting on with the Germans (1 item)	c.5 Oct 1917
P566/1/9/1/22	Letter from George Davidson to his brother Colonel James Davidson regarding agricultural matters at home and advising him not to give up his farm lease (1 item)	c.1917
P566/1/9/1/23	Correspondence addressed to Mr and Mrs James J.C. Davidson regarding domestic matters relating to the First World War, e.g. fuel supply, increased food production, and comforts for prisoners of war (1 bundle)	1917-1918
P566/1/9/1/24	Letters from Alfred Macaulay, Solicitor, to Colonel Davidson regarding the 5 th Seaforth Colours (3 items)	18 Dec 1918-29 Jan 1919
P566/1/9/1/25	Letter from Beth, 'Morven', Couper Angus, to her uncle James J.C. Davidson regarding her engagement to Jimmy Black (2 items)	12 Feb 1919
P566/1/9/1/26	Letter from George King, factor of Portland Estate, Berriedale, congratulating Colonel Davidson on his purchase of Cally (1 item)	15 Feb 1919
P566/1/9/1/27	Letter from D. Sutherland, Pulteneytown Academy, to Mrs Davidson thanking her for giving him the perusal of Old Captain Swanson's documents (1 item)	15 May 1919
P566/1/9/1/28	Christmas card from Beth, Jimmy and Walter (1 item)	c.1920
P566/1/9/1/29	Letters from A.N. Macaulay & Co. Solicitors to Colonel Davidson regarding legal work undertaken (4 items)	6 Sep 1921-10 Mar 1925

P566/1/9/1/30	Letters from Inglis and Bear, St Helens School, Bridge of Allan, to their parents James J.C. Davidson and Mrs Margaret Davidson (1 bundle)	Jun 1922-May 1923
P566/1/9/1/31	Correspondence regarding arrangements for the schooling of Mr and Mrs James J.C. Davidson's daughters at Westmorland (7 items)	1926
P566/1/9/1/32	Invitation issued to Colonel James J.C. Davidson for the Seaforth Highlanders' Association Annual Re-Union Dinner, Edinburgh (1 item)	4 Dec 1931
P566/1/9/1/33	Letter from Inglis Davidson to Miss Bamford giving her apologies for missing the Reunion, news of a recent holiday, and her cousin Dr H.R. Mill's being awarded a medal from the Norwegian Government for his exploring work with Sir Ernest Shackleton (1 item)	4 Aug 1932
P566/1/9/1/34	Personal letter to James John Christian Davidson from Mr Smith of Melville and Lindesay solicitors (1 item)	25 Nov 1933
P566/1/9/1/35	Personal correspondence received by Elizabeth Wymer née Davidson (7 items)	1933-1953
P566/1/9/1/36	Correspondence addressed to James J.C. Davidson (5 items)	1935-1938
P566/1/9/1/37	Correspondence addressed to Inglis and Bear Davidson (1 bundle)	1936-1937
P566/1/9/1/38	Letter to Inglis and Bear Davidson from 'Ian', Summers Hall, Wethersfield, Braintree, Essex, enclosing a newspaper clipping describing the marriage of Dr. Hugh Robert Mill to Alfreda Dransfield. Dr Mill was first cousin to Inglis and Bear's father, James J.C. Davidson. He was an authority on Polar exploration and President of the Royal Geographical Society (2 items)	22 Aug 1937
P566/1/9/1/39	Letters to Inglis Davidson from Dr Hugh Robert Mill and his wife Alfreda (Freda), Hill Crest, Dormans Park, East Grinstead, Sussex (1 bundle)	4 May 1937- 1 Jul 1941
P566/1/9/1/40	Letters from Ian, George, and 'Oakie' [Hamish], Summers Hall, Wethersfield, Braintree, Essex, to their cousins Inglis and Bear (Margaret and Elizabeth Davidson) (8 items)	14 Aug 1937-10 Oct 1937

P566/1/9/1/41	Letters from Inglis Davidson, East Grinstead, Sussex, to her mother, father and sister in Cally (1 bundle)	1937
P566/1/9/1/42	Correspondence addressed to Margaret Davidson from Cox's Orange Pippin Orchards (1 bundle)	1937-1942
P566/1/9/1/43	Letter to Grettie (Margaret) Davidson from Dr Hugh Robert Mill regarding a visit to the Davidson home at Cally (1 item)	10 Jul 1938
P566/1/9/1/44	Letter from R.M. Bright, Co. Tyrone, to Colonel Davidson (1 item)	1 Dec 1938
P566/1/9/1/45	Letter from [M. Macphail], written on Christian College Madras notepaper to Margaret Davidson (Grettie) regarding old papers (1 item)	31 Aug 1939
P566/1/9/1/46	Letters from Walter Lewis to his cousin James J.C. Davidson (7 items)	5 Sep 1939-22 Feb 1942
P566/1/9/1/47	Letters from various correspondents to Margaret (Inglis) Davidson (1 bundle)	1939-1941
P566/1/9/1/48	Various papers and correspondence regarding Elizabeth Davidson's war service in the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (F.A.N.Y.) (1 bundle)	1939-1946
P566/1/9/1/49	Letters from George, Summers Hall, Wethersfield, Braintree, Essex to Inglis (Margaret Davidson) (1 bundle)	1940-1961
P566/1/9/1/50	Letters to Bear Davidson from various family members and friends (1 bundle)	1940-1990
P566/1/9/1/51	Letters regarding the mitts Colonel James J.C. Davidson knitted for the men of the Seaforth Highlanders Regiment (5 items)	1941-1943
P566/1/9/1/52	Letters from Hugh [Davidson], to his brother James J.C. Davidson regarding gardening and family news (8 items)	17 May 1942-21 Jul 1942
P566/1/9/1/53	Letter from Julie K. Dawson, Johannesburg, to Colonel Davidson regarding life in South Africa (2 items)	9 Jun 1942
P566/1/9/1/54	Letter from K.I.G. Morrison to Colonel Davidson regarding the death of Morrison's brother (2 items)	7 Jul 1942

P566/1/9/1/55	Letter from Jack [John Henry Mill Davidson], Buckies, Thurso, to his brother James J.C. Davidson regarding news from the farm (3 items)	27 Jul 1942
P566/1/9/1/56	Legal correspondence sent to Mrs Margaret Davidson regarding Mr John Miller's Trust (2 items)	20 Feb 1943-27 Jul 1944
P566/1/9/1/57	Correspondence regarding the employment of Elizabeth Davidson (4 items)	Dec 1947-Mar 1948
P566/1/9/1/58	Letters from Bear Davidson to 'Horace' and 'People' addressed to Mrs Davidson, Cally, Blairgowrie, concerning the organisation of her wedding and her life in Bromley (8 items)	c.1948
P566/1/9/1/59	Letter to Grettie (Margaret) Davidson from Dr Hugh Robert Mill. Subject unclear (1 item)	11 Jan 1949
P566/1/9/1/60	Legal correspondence sent to Margaret and Elizabeth Davidson regarding their parents' estates following their deaths (1 bundle)	1950-1973
P566/1/9/1/61	Correspondence between Edward Barnsley, Designer and Craftsman, Hampshire, and Mr and Mrs Wymer regarding various items of furniture. Includes sketches, photographs, correspondence regarding The Edward Barnsley Educational Trust and Mr Barnsley's obituary (1 bundle)	1950-1981
P566/1/9/1/62	Letters of condolence sent to Margaret and Elizabeth Davidson following the death of their mother (6 items)	1961-1962
P566/1/9/1/63	Letters from Betty Walsh and Margaret Ballantyne, South Africa, to Margaret (Inglis) Davidson (3 items)	14 Jan 1962-26 Nov 1962
P566/1/9/1/64	Letter from Sheila, Ballindean House, Perthshire, to Miss [Margaret] Davidson, thanking her for a gift (1 item)	27 Jun 1963
P566/1/9/1/65	Invitation addressed to Miss I. Davidson [Margaret Inglis] for the wedding of Euphemia Mary Morrice to Dr. Hugh William Ramsey Davidson (1 item)	19 Jul 1963
P566/1/9/1/66	Letter from Bear Wymer née Davidson to her sister Inglis regarding a potential visit from a journalist photographer (2 items)	30 Sep 1964
P566/1/9/1/67	Letter from Beth, Windsor Court, Dundee, to Margaret (Inglis) Davidson, regarding the death	5 May 1968

	of Hugh A.C. Davidson in Bermuda. Includes newspaper clippings with detail on his life and work (5 items)	
P566/1/9/1/68	Various correspondence and reports regarding Elizabeth Wymer's financial holdings (1 bundle)	1 Feb 1971 – 14 Jun 1990
P566/1/9/1/69	Personal correspondence received by Elizabeth Wymer née Davidson (1 bundle)	1971-1990
P566/1/9/1/70	Letter from Bear Wymer née Davidson to her sister Inglis regarding a visit to Caithness. She recommends bequeathing portraits of her mother and father to Hugh Davidson in keeping for his son, John James Christian (2 items)	19 Aug 1980
P566/1/9/2	Various	c.1902-c.2000
P566/1/9/2/1	Calling cards of James J.C. Davidson (2 items)	c.1902
P566/1/9/2/2	Dance card containing list of dances and partners (1 item)	c.1902
P566/1/9/2/3	Draft contract of marriage between James John Christian Davidson and Miss Margaret Miller (1 item)	1905
P566/1/9/2/4	Medical chart for Mrs [Margaret] Davidson recording the birth of a baby and her health in the days following (1 item)	c. Mar 1910
P566/1/9/2/5	Papers concerning Territorial Force Associations (1 bundle)	1910-1919
P566/1/9/2/6	Transfer by the Trustees of the late Mr Charles Macdonald in favour of Mr J.J.C. Davidson of Scrabster Harbour Trust subscription (1 item)	30 Nov 1911
P566/1/9/2/7	Transfer by James C. Davidson, West Watten, in favour of Charles Davidson, Cogle, of Scrabster Harbour Trust subscription (1 item)	11 Jun 1912
P566/1/9/2/8	Certificate enrolling Colonel James J.C. Davidson as a Life Member in the Glasgow Caithness Benevolent Association (1 item)	13 Aug 1918
P566/1/9/2/9	Certificates issued by the Royal Drawing Society to Elizabeth Mary Grisell Swanson Davidson, pupil at St Helens, Bridge of Allan (9 items)	1922 - 1929
P566/1/9/2/10	Articles written and submitted by Elizabeth Davidson to various publications together with editors' refusal letters (1 bundle)	1932-1933

P566/1/9/2/11	Handwritten recipe book (1 volume)	c.1937
P566/1/9/2/12	St. Andrew's Ambulance Association certificate awarded to Elizabeth Davidson for proficiency in Ambulance Work and First Aid to the Injured (1 item)	14 Jul 1938
P566/1/9/2/13	Menu for a family of six compiled by G. Davidson (Elizabeth), Class D (2 items)	Oct 1938
P566/1/9/2/14	Account of Charge and Discharge between Miss Margaret Inglis Miller Davidson and Miss Elizabeth Mary Grisell Swanson Davidson, Executrices-Nominate of the late Lieutenant Colonel James John Christian Davidson and Messrs Melville & Lindesay, W.S. (1 item)	21 Jan 1943–3 Dec 1943
P566/1/9/2/15	Confirmation (Nominate) of the Executors of the late Lt. Col. James Davidson (1 item)	1943
P566/1/9/2/16	Francis John Wymer's Military Identity Card (1 item)	22 Jan 1943
P566/1/9/2/17	Inventory and Valuation of Household furniture, furnishings and other effects within Cally House, Bridge of Cally, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, belonging to the Estate of the late Colonel J.J.C. Davidson (1 item)	18 Mar 1943
P566/1/9/2/18	Document confirming Miss Margaret Inglis Miller Davidson and Miss Elizabeth Mary Grisell Swanson Davidson as Executors nominate of the late Lieutenant Colonel James John Christian Davidson of Cally, Bridge of Cally, Blairgowrie (1 item)	14 Jul 1943
P566/1/9/2/19	Will of Lt. Col. James John Christian Davidson, of Cally, Bridge of Cally, Blairgowrie (4 items)	14 Nov 1932–5 Mar 1943
P566/1/9/2/20	Transfer by Miss Margaret Inglis Miller Davidson and Mrs Elizabeth Mary Grisell Swanson Wymer, Executrices of Lieutenant-Colonel James John Christian Davidson in favour of the said Miss Margaret Inglis Miller Davidson as an individual-Scrabster Harbour Subscription (1 item)	1950
P566/1/9/2/21	Instructions and guarantee for a Roberts' Radio purchased by Elizabeth Wymer at Harrods, and instructions for an HMV Transistor Radio (2 items)	Jul 1955
P566/1/9/2/22	Receipts for bookcases bought by Francis Wymer from Phoenix Gallery (3 items)	1955

P566/1/9/2/23	Various correspondence, valuation, and insurance documents regarding the division of personal effects and silverware between sisters Margaret and Elizabeth Davidson following the death of their mother (1 bundle)	1963-1964
P566/1/9/2/24	Bill from Messrs. Melville & Lindesay, W.S. for work carried out for Margaret Inglis Davidson (1 item)	24 Sep 1970
P566/1/9/2/25	Various records relating to F.J. Wymer's work as a photographer (1 bundle)	1972-1990
P566/1/9/2/26	Newspaper article from the Daily Mail on Margaret Davidson's life at Cally House and an advert for its sale (2 items)	26 Jun 1998
P566/1/9/2/27	List of Bear and Frank's visits to Cally (from Guest Book), 1948-1955 (1 item)	c.2000
P566/1/9/2/28	Copy of newspaper article reporting the death of Colonel James John Christian Davidson, taken from the John o' Groat Journal 29 th Jan 1943 (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/10	Records of John Henry (Jack) Davidson	1942-1943
P566/1/10/1	Letters from Major John Henry Davidson (Jack), 5 th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, Middle East Forces/ British North Africa Force, to his Uncle Jack Davidson, Buckies, Thurso (1 bundle)	16 Jul 1942- 26 Jul 1943
P566/1/10/2	Typed notes of memories of the 5 th Seaforths' time in the Middle East, titled '5 th Battalion, The Seaforth Highlanders in the Middle East, 1942-43' [written by Major J.H. Davidson] (9 items)	c.1943
P566/1/10/3	'The North African Diary of the late Major J.H. Davidson, D.S.O.', printed volume (1 volume)	c.1943
P566/1/10/4	Newspaper cutting mounted on card titled 'Another Caithness Soldier Awarded D.S.O.'. The cutting is an article detailing the award of D.S.O to Major J.H. Davidson for outstanding gallantry in Tunisia. Includes picture of the Major (1 item)	c.1943
P566/1/11	Photographs of the Davidson family	c.1890-1998
P566/1/11/1	Framed black and white photograph of 8 men posing with barrels. Inscription on reverse reads 'Otago Harbour- Boating party at Portobello'.	n.d.

	Estimated to be late 19 th or early 20 th century (1 item)	
P566/1/11/2	Black and white photograph of the families of John Henry Davidson and John Miller of Scrabster. Includes a separate sheet identifying the individuals in the photograph (2 items)	c.1890
P566/1/11/3	Framed black and white photograph of John Henry Davidson and his wife Elizabeth Swanson seated beside a tennis court with their children (1 item)	c.1890
P566/1/11/4	Black and white photographs of [Elizabeth Miller, sister of Margaret Davidson] (2 items)	c.1890
P566/1/11/5	Black and white photographs of Rev. Donald Macaulay and his wife (2 items)	12 Sep 1893-16 Sep 1893
P566/1/11/6	Black and white Johnston photograph mounted on card of John Henry Davidson surrounded by his children and some of their spouses. Includes separate sheet naming the individuals in the photograph (2 items)	c.1897
P566/1/11/7	Black and white Johnston photograph mounted on card of John Henry Davidson surrounded by his children (standing L-R Elizabeth, John, James, Louisa, Harriet. Seated L-R George, William, John Henry, Hugh) (1 item)	c.1897
P566/1/11/8	Black and white photograph of James J.C. Davidson and [brother-in-law] James Henderson (1 item)	c.1897
P566/1/11/9	Black and white photograph of Harriet and James J.C. Davidson (1 item)	c.1897
P566/1/11/10	Black and white photograph of a large group outside [Old Hall House]. Includes John Henry Davidson, ten ladies, and three other men (1 item)	1899
P566/1/11/11	Black and white mounted photograph of John Henry Mill Davidson (1 item)	c.1900
P566/1/11/12	Black and white mounted photograph of James J.C. Davidson in military dress (1 item)	c.1900
P566/1/11/13	Black and white photograph of the kitchen of Dale House (1 item)	1904
P566/1/11/14	Black and white photograph of a young boy in a sailor suit (1 item)	1904

P566/1/11/15	Black and white photographs of Wester Watten House (2 items)	c.1904
P566/1/11/16	Black and white photograph of John Henry Davidson with some of his adult children and their spouses (1 item)	c.1905
P566/1/11/17	Black and white mounted photograph of Donald Macaulay, Minister of Reay from 1878 to 1909. On his knee sits his grandson, Donald Macaulay Davidson, later known as Mac. He was the survivor of twins born in 1905, and Donald Macaulay's first male grandchild. Reverse reads: 'To "Louie" with love, a memento of a very happy visit 27 July to 14 August 1906' "Mac" at aged 13 months.' 'With Rev Macaulay Reay?' (1 item)	27 Jul 1906 – 14 Aug 1906
P566/1/11/18	Black and white mounted wedding portrait photograph of James J.C. Davidson and Margaret Miller (1 item)	1906
P566/1/11/19	Black and white photographs of Margaret Davidson née Miller with various family members (10 items)	1906-c.1950
P566/1/11/20	Black and white photograph of the bull 'Egmont', who took 2 nd prize at Thurso Show (1 item)	1908
P566/1/11/21	Black and white photograph of a young boy holding the halter of 'Quarter Master' of West Watten who took first prize in Wick Show and Sale (1 item)	12 Feb 1909
P566/1/11/22	Black and white photograph of a man on horseback (1 item)	c.1910
P566/1/11/23	Black and white photograph of a young girl on horseback with a young boy holding the reins (1 item)	c.1910
P566/1/11/24	Black and white photographs of James J.C. Davidson in military dress (4 items)	c.1910-c.1940
P566/1/11/25	Black and white mounted photograph of Hugh Davidson, his wife Meta and their children. Inscription on the back reads 'To wish "Stanstill" a very merry Xmas & Happy New Year from the Conparite! (Coupar Angus) Uncle Hugh Davidson Aunt Meta and family, taken August 1911, Bairns 14,12,6 and 4 (1 item)	Aug 1911

P566/1/11/26	Black and white photographs of Colonel James J.C. Davidson in uniform (2 items)	c.1914
P566/1/11/27	Black and white photograph of Margaret and Elizabeth Davidson (Inglis and Bear) (1 item)	c.1915
P566/1/11/28	Black and white photographs of James J.C. Davidson on active duty overseas (6 items)	c.1916
P566/1/11/29	Black and white mounted photograph of James J.C. Davidson in military dress, his wife Margaret, and daughters Margaret and Elizabeth (1 item)	c.1918
P566/1/11/30	Black and white photograph of Jack H. Davidson as a child (1 item)	c.1918
P566/1/11/31	Black and white photograph of three males, a female, and a dog on a walk. Inscription on reverse reads 'Loch Mill, Newburgh, Sunday 3 rd August 1919' (1 item)	3 Aug 1919
P566/1/11/32	Black and white mounted photograph of a lady, possibly Meta, the wife of Hugh Davidson (1 item)	c.1920
P566/1/11/33	Black and white photographs of a young man (3 items)	c.1920
P566/1/11/34	Black and white photograph of elderly gentleman in military dress (2 items)	c.1920
P566/1/11/35	Black and white photographs of 'Uncle Jack' [John Henry Mill Davidson] (3 items)	c.1920-c.1930
P566/1/11/36	Bundle of black and white [Davidson] family photographs (1 bundle)	c.1920-1940
P566/1/11/37	Black and white photographs of pets kept by the Davidson family at Cally House. Includes correspondence from The Zoological Society of Scotland regarding the donation of a monkey and its subsequent escape (1 bundle)	c.1920-c.1940
P566/1/11/38	Black and white photographs of Elizabeth Wymer née Davidson and various other female relatives (1 bundle)	c.1920-c.1970
P566/1/11/39	Portrait photograph album containing four photographs of Jean Davidson (1 volume)	c.1925
P566/1/11/40	Black and white graduation photograph of John Henry Davidson (Jack) (1 item)	c.1930

P566/1/11/41	Black and white photograph of John Henry (Jack) Davidson, his dog Kep, and his Uncle Jack (1 item)	c.1930
P566/1/11/42	Black and white wedding photographs of Jean Davidson (daughter of Hugh and Meta Davidson) and Alastair Alexander Douglas (2 items)	1931
P566/1/11/43	Black and white photographs of Alastair and Jean Douglas and family (8 items)	c.1931-c.1960
P566/1/11/44	Black and white photograph of James J.C. Davidson, 'Uncle Jack' and dog Nora at Scrabster (1 item)	1934
P566/1/11/45	Black and white photographs of Elizabeth (Bear) Davidson and friends, mostly taken during the war years (1 bundle)	1936-1945
P566/1/11/46	Black and white wedding photograph of John Henry (Jack) Davidson and Isobel Stewart. Also pictured Thea Stewart, Isobel's sister, and Alastair Campbell (1 item)	12 Dec 1937
P566/1/11/47	Black and white photograph of Elizabeth Davidson (1 item)	8 Mar 1939
P566/1/11/48	Black and white photographs of various groups, thought to include Jean and Alastair Douglas (5 items)	c.1940
P566/1/11/49	Black and white photograph of an elderly woman with two horses. Reverse reads 'Minnie, Mary, the old Lady' (1 item)	c.1940
P566/1/11/50	Black and white photographs of Cally House, Bridge of Cally, Perthshire (3 items)	c.1940-1963
P566/1/11/51	Framed photograph of Major John Henry (Jack) Davidson (1 item)	c.1943
P566/1/11/52	Black and white photographs of George Barron, his wife Janet Young, and their children. George Barron was the son of Elizabeth Ada Davidson and George Barron. Includes family history notes on the Barron family (5 items)	Sep 1945 – Sep 2000
P566/1/11/53	Postcard of the King, Queen, Princesses, and Winston Churchill on the balcony of Buckingham Palace on VE Day. Addressed to Margaret Douglas, Couper Angus, from Nannie (1 item)	11 Jan 1946
P566/1/11/54	Black and white photographs of Elizabeth (Bear) Davidson and her husband Francis Wymer.	1947-1971

	Includes wedding photographs and wedding announcement (1 bundle)	
P566/1/11/55	Wedding scrapbook of Francis John Wymer and Elizabeth (Bear) Davidson (1 volume)	17 Jun 1948
P566/1/11/56	Photographs of various members of the Davidson family. The reverse of one reads 'My Aunt Nan Betty (S.A.) my Mother and Margaret (S.A.)' (4 items)	c.1950-1972
P566/1/11/57	Black and white mounted photograph of Dr Hugh Davidson, wife Meta, and their family taken in Thurso in 1951 (1 item)	24 Aug 1951
P566/1/11/58	Black and white photograph of Walter Black, Dr Alastair Douglas, Gavin Douglas, and Hugh Davidson (son of Mac) posing with comedy moustaches (1 item)	24 Aug 1951
P566/1/11/59	Album of photographs entitled 'Grisell by "Country Life" November 1953 (1 volume)	Nov 1953
P566/1/11/60	Black and white photographs of Elizabeth (Bear) Wymer and Professor Ohmart, a portrait painter (1 bundle)	c.1960
P566/1/11/61	Black and white aerial photograph of Cally House, Bridge of Cally, Perthshire (1 item)	1964
P566/1/11/62	Black and white photographs of Elizabeth (Bear) Wymer née Davidson (2 items)	c.1980
P566/1/11/63	<p>CD-R containing 14 black and white photographic images. All military images include James J.C. Davidson</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group portrait of 5th Seaforth Officers, c.1914 2. Group portrait of Thurso Company 1st S.H.R. Volunteers, 1882 3. Group portrait of [5th Seaforth Officers, 1910 4. Group portrait of men attending the 1929 Reunion of [5th Seaforths], 1929 5. Group portrait of men attending the Glasgow Reunion of [5th Seaforths], 24 Mar 1939 6. Portrait of [Margaret and Elizabeth Davidson], daughters of James and Margaret Davidson, c.1920 7. Group portrait of officers enjoying a day off, c.1914 	Aug 1998

	<p>8. Colonel Davidson and two other officers in a horse drawn carriage bearing the name 'Lion Hotel', c.1920</p> <p>9. Three officers in front of a tent, c. 1914</p> <p>10. Four officers on horseback, c. 1914</p> <p>11. Image of a bill issued by J.A. Butters, Lairg, to Captain J.J.C. Davidson, 1st Sutherland Highland Regiment of Volunteers, for supplies for the Officers' Mess, Jul 1895</p> <p>12. Family portrait of members of the Miller and Davidson family, c.1900</p> <p>13. Group image of Sutherland Highland Regiment of Volunteers, c.1895</p> <p>14. Group of men in military and civilian dress attending a ceremony at Watten War Memorial, c.1920</p> <p>(14 digital files)</p>	
P566/1/11/64	Black and white photograph of a child on a horse (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/11/65	Bundle of professionally taken black and white photographs. Various portraits and landscapes including a portrait of Elizabeth (Bear) Davidson (1 bundle)	c.1960
P566/1/12	Portraits	c.1810-c.1940
P566/1/12/1	Oil painting of Elizabeth Davidson (née) Ross, wife of John Davidson of Buckies (1 item)	c.1810
P566/1/12/2	Oil painting of Sinclair Davidson, b. 1782, d. 1811 (1 item)	c.1810
P566/1/12/3	Portrait of Reverend George Davidson, minister of Latheron Parish (1 item)	c.1850
P566/1/12/4	Portrait of Mrs Robertson, Pitmuxton, Aberdeenshire. Mrs Robertson was the mother of Maria, Rev. George Davidson's first wife (1 item)	c.1850
P566/1/12/5	Pastel portrait of Hugh Davidson by A. Johnston (1 item)	1874
P566/1/12/6	Oil painting of James John Christian Davidson in military dress (1 item)	c.1940
P566/1/12/7	Oil painting of Margaret Davidson (1 item)	c.1940

P566/1/12/8	Framed silhouette portrait of Hugh Davidson, Collector of Customs (1 item)	c.1850
P566/1/12/9	Framed silhouette portrait of William Davidson, Architect (1 item)	c.1850
P566/1/12/10	Silhouette portrait of Rev. George Davidson (1 item)	c.1850
P566/1/12/11	Oil painting of Elizabeth (Bear) Davidson by Cosmo Clark (1 item)	Dec 1964
P566/1/13	Various	1823-2019
P566/1/13/1	Copy Notes of the Speeches of the Judges in the Action Cunningham v. Russell. Alexander Cunningham, Edinburgh jeweller, brought a case of defamation and damages against Mr James Russell, Surgeon, for calling the Diamond Beetle an Egyptian Louse (1 item)	May 1823
P566/1/13/2	Report and Minutes of a Committee of Trustees, Appointed at 30 th September, 1833, To Survey The Caithness Roads' by the General Meeting of Trustees (1 volume)	1834
P566/1/13/3	Index to a ledger (ledger unknown, doesn't seem to be part of the collection) Contains names, addresses and reference numbers (1 volume)	c.1840
P566/1/13/4	"The Bazaar": A Volunteer Journal, published by Peter Reid in aid of the funds of the Volunteer Bazaar (1 item)	26 Sep 1861
P566/1/13/5	Caithness-shire constabulary returns for the Year Ending 31 st December 1880 (1 item)	1881
P566/1/13/6	Caithness-shire constabulary returns for the Year Ending 31 st December 1881 (1 item)	1882
P566/1/13/7	Caithness-shire constabulary returns for the Year Ending 31 st December 1882 (1 item)	1883
P566/1/13/8	Caithness-shire constabulary returns for the Year Ending 31 st December 1888 (1 item)	1889
P566/1/13/9	Abstract of the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of County Council of Caithness for year ending 15 th May 1897 (1 item)	1897
P566/1/13/10	The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders 'The 79 th News', Aldershot, January 1913 (1 volume)	Jan 1913

P566/1/13/11	'Oor Ain Folk: Watten Boys who served in H.M. Forces, 1914-1916'. List of men from Watten who served, including their address and regiment (1 item)	c.1917
P566/1/13/12	'The Davidsons of Caithness'. Articles on the Davidson family written by Stephen Cashmore that appeared in the John o' Groat Journal (7 items)	8 May 1998-22 May 1998
P566/1/13/13	Letter from Joan Abrahams, Bloemfontein, South Africa, to Brenda and Hugh [Davidson], regarding their visit to South Africa. Includes magazine articles and a photocopied page from 'History of South Africa' by Eric A. Walker (5 items)	29 Oct 1998
P566/1/13/14	Cutting of a John o' Groat Journal article on Ian Sutherland's plan to restore a miniature steam engine made by John Davidson (died 1946, family from Buckies) (1 item)	1 Aug 2003
P566/1/13/15	Photocopy of notes titled 'H.C.D. Offspring' (1 item)	c.2018
P566/1/13/16	Bundle of papers of family history research on the Davidson family (1 bundle)	Jan 2019
P566/1/13/17	Note containing biographical details on the children of John Davidson and Elizabeth Ross of Buckies (1 item)	n.d.
P566/1/13/18	Wood family tree beginning at the marriage of Johanna Davidson (daughter of John and Elizabeth Davidson of Buckies) and George Wood, detailing their children and grandchildren (1 item)	n.d.
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P566/1/14	Published volumes	1767-2006
P566/1/14/1	Volumes written by or about the Davidson family	1885-1951
P566/1/14/1/1	'Memorials of James Mill, Illustrated by Extracts from His Family Letters'. Printed for private circulation (1 volume)	1885
P566/1/14/1/2	'The English Lakes with Bathymetrical Maps and Illustrations' by Hugh Robert Mill. Reprint of a paper 'On the Bathymetrical Survey of the	1895

	English Lakes' from the Geographical Journal for July and August, 1895 (1 volume)	
P566/1/14/1/3	'Flashlights on Geography – Featuring Scotland', by Hugh Robert Mill. Reprint from 'The Scottish Geographical Magazine, Vol 50, July 1934'(1 volume)	1934
P566/1/14/1/4	'The Polar Record Vol. 3, No. 20, July 1940'. Cambridge University Press. Edited by F. Debenham (1 volume)	Jul 1940
P566/1/14/1/5	'Meteorological Memories' by Hugh Robert Mill. From the Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society Vol. LXVII. No 292 (2 volumes)	Oct 1941
P566/1/14/1/6	'A Caithness Doctor of the Last Century' by D.M. Biography of Dr James Mill. Peter Reid & Co. (1 volume)	30 Jul 1948
P566/1/14/1/7	'Memories of Boyhood Days: In and around Thurso Eighty Years Ago' by Hugh Robert Mill. John o' Groat Journal (1 volume)	Oct 1948
P566/1/14/1/8	'Hugh Robert Mill (1861-1950)' by W.C. Souter. From the Journal du Conseil International Pour L'Exploration de la Mer (1 volume)	1950
P566/1/14/1/9	'Families of Davidson Maclean Macintyre Macandrew' by Charles Fraser Mackintosh (1 volume)	c.1950
P566/1/14/1/10	'Hugh Robert Mill: An Autobiography' by Hugh Robert Mill. Longmans (1 volume)	1951
P566/1/14/2	Volumes relating to Caithness	1799-2000
P566/1/14/2/1	'The Statistical Account of Scotland 1791-1799: Vol. XVIII Caithness and Sutherland' edited by John Sinclair. EP Publishing Limited (1979) (1 volume)	1799
P566/1/14/2/2	'Case for Thurso' Minutes of Case launched by the Magistrates of Wick against George Douglas for holding more trials in Thurso when Wick was the Royal Burgh (1 volume)	2 Sep 1824
P566/1/14/2/3	'Narrative of The Circumstances Which Led to an Interview Between The Emperor Napoleon and George Sinclair'. James Walker (1 volume)	1826

P566/1/14/2/4	'Memoirs of the Life and Work of Sir John Sinclair, Bart Vol. I' by Rev. John Sinclair. William Blackwood and Sons (1 volume)	1837
P566/1/14/2/5	'Memoirs of the Life and Work of Sir John Sinclair, Bart Vol. II' by Rev. John Sinclair. William Blackwood and Sons (1 volume)	1837
P566/1/14/2/6	'The Statistical Account of Caithness-Shire' by The Ministers of the Respective Parishes. William Blackwood and Sons (1 volume)	1841
P566/1/14/2/7	'Sketches from John o' Groats in Prose and Verse' by James T Calder. Peter Reid (1 volume)	1842
P566/1/14/2/8	'St. Mary's Fair, and other Poems' by James T Calder. P. Reid (1 volume)	1849
P566/1/14/2/9	'Six Letters on The Positions and Prospects of the Established Church of Scotland, Especially the Northern Counties' by Sir G. Sinclair of Ulbster, Bart. William P. Kennedy (1 volume)	1850
P566/1/14/2/10	'Memoir of the late Alexander Henry Rhind of Sibster' by John Stuart. Neill and Company (1 volume)	1864
P566/1/14/2/11	'Pre-Historic Remains of Caithness' by Samuel Laing. Williams and Norgate (2 volumes)	1866
P566/1/14/2/12	'Ancient History of Orkney, Caithness and the North' by Thormodus Torfaeus. Translated by Rev. Alexander Pope. Peter Reid (1 volume)	1866
P566/1/14/2/13	'Two Ancient Records of the Bishopric of Caithness from the Charter-room at Dunrobin' contributed by the Duke of Sutherland. The Bannatyne Club (1 volume)	1868
P566/1/14/2/14	'Robert Dick: Baker of Thurso, Geologist and Botanist' by Samuel Smiles. John Murray (1 volume)	1878
P566/1/14/2/15	'Caithness Family History' by John Henderson. Edinburgh: David Douglas (1 volume)	1884
P566/1/14/2/16	'Sketch of the Civil and Traditional History of Caithness from the Tenth Century' by James T Calder. Second Edition. William Rae (1 volume)	1887
P566/1/14/2/17	'Memoirs of Sir George Sinclair, Bart., of Ulbster' by James Grant. Tinsley Brothers (1 volume)	1888

P566/1/14/2/18	'Memorabilia Domestica; or, Parish Life in the North of Scotland' by Rev. Donald Sage. William Rae (1 volume)	1889
P566/1/14/2/19	'The County of Caithness' by John Horne. W. Rae (1 volume)	1907
P566/1/14/2/20	'Ecclesiastical History of Caithness and Annals of Caithness Parishes' by Rev. D. Beaton. William Rae (1 volume)	1909
P566/1/14/2/21	'A Bibliography of Caithness' by John Mowat. W. Rae (1 volume)	1909
P566/1/14/2/22	'Third Report and Inventory of Monuments and Constructions in The County of Caithness' by The Royal Commission on The Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of Scotland. His Majesty's Stationery Office (1 volume)	1911
P566/1/14/2/23	Original manuscript for 'History of the Province of Cat - Caithness and Sutherland; from the earliest times to the year 1615' by Angus Mackay. Edited by D. Beaton. Peter Reid and Co. Limited. Contains many handwritten notes alterations and extra pages inserted into the volume (1 volume)	1914
P566/1/14/2/24	'History of the Province of Cat (Caithness and Sutherland) from the earliest times to the year 1615' by Angus Mackay. Edited by D. Beaton. Peter Reid and Co. Limited (1 volume)	1914
P566/1/14/2/25	'Caithness 1925' by Stewart Sinclair. Self-published (1 volume)	1925
P566/1/14/2/26	'The Red Deer of Langwell and Braemore, 1880-1934' by The Duke of Portland and Robert Moyes Adam. Blackie & Son Limited (1 volume)	1935
P566/1/14/2/27	'A History of Dirlot Churchyard' by Dr William Gunn. Typed manuscript (1 volume)	Nov 1960
P566/1/14/2/28	'The Northern Gate: A Caithness Anthology' compiled Ronald Thomson. Self-published (1 volume)	1968
P566/1/14/2/29	'The Caithness Book' edited by Donald Omand. Highland Printers Limited (1 volume)	1972
P566/1/14/2/30	'The Heather Blooms at John o' Groats' by John S. Banks. Self-Published (1 volume)	1972

P566/1/14/2/31	'Whispering Winds: A Caithness Anthology' compiled Ronald Thomson. Self-published (1 volume)	1975
P566/1/14/2/32	'Legends of the Pentland Firth' by Henrietta Munro. Self-published (1 volume)	1977
P566/1/14/2/33	'More Legends of the Pentland Firth' by Henrietta Munro. Self-published (1 volume)	1979
P566/1/14/2/34	'Caithness' by James Miller. Skilton & Shaw (1 volume)	1979
P566/1/14/2/35	'The Flagstone Industry of Caithness' by Donald Omand and John Porter. University of Aberdeen. Inside includes a leaflet 'The Story of the Flagstone Industry' by Castletown Heritage Society in association with Caithness and Sutherland Enterprise (2 items)	1981-1993
P566/1/14/2/36	'Where to go Fishing in Caithness' by Duncan Speirs. Self-Published (1 volume)	1982
P566/1/14/2/37	'Wick Harbour and the Herring Fishing' by Iain Sutherland. Camps Bookshop and The Wick Society (1 volume)	1983
P566/1/14/2/38	'They Lived by the Sea: Folklore and Ganseys of the Pentland Firth' by Henrietta Munro and Rae Compton. Self-published (1 volume)	1983
P566/1/14/2/39	'The New Caithness Book' edited by Donald Omand. North of Scotland Newspapers Limited (1 volume)	1989
P566/1/14/2/40	'Stroma' edited by Donald Young. North of Scotland Newspapers (1 volume)	1992
P566/1/14/2/41	'Caithness: An Illustrated Architectural Guide' by Elizabeth Beaton. Rutland Press (1 volume)	1996
P566/1/14/2/42	'Dounreay: The Illustrated Story' by Stephen Cashmore. North of Scotland Newspapers (1 volume)	1998
P566/1/14/2/43	'Inventors and Engineers of Caithness' by Robert P. Gunn. Whittles Publishing (1 volume)	1998
P566/1/14/2/44	'A History of Old St. Peter's Kirk Thurso' by David Rosie. Self-published (1 volume)	1999
P566/1/14/2/45	'Caithness Remembered: A Pictorial Goodbye to 1999'. North of Scotland Newspapers (1 volume)	2000

P566/1/14/3	Volumes relating to Agriculture and Land Improvements	1813-1820
P566/1/14/3/1	'An Account of the Systems of Husbandry Adopted in the More Improved Districts of Scotland, Volume I, Second Edition' by John Sinclair. William Blackwood and Sons (1 volume)	1813
P566/1/14/3/2	'An Account of the Systems of Husbandry Adopted in the More Improved Districts of Scotland, Volume II, Second Edition' by John Sinclair. William Blackwood and Sons (1 volume)	1813
P566/1/14/3/3	'An Account of the Improvements on the Estates of the Marquess of Stafford, in the counties of Stafford and Salop, and on the Estate of Sutherland.' With remarks by James Loch Esquire. Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown (1 volume)	1820
P566/1/14/4	Various	1767-2006
P566/1/14/4/1	'Pteryplegia: Or, the Art of Shooting-Flying a Poem', by Mr Markland. J. Lever (1 volume)	1767
P566/1/14/4/2	'The Arms, Supporters, Crests, and Mottoes of the Peers of England, Scotland, and Ireland, the Arms of the Peeresses and Bishops of their Kingdoms, and the Arms of the Baronets of England'. J. Almon (1 volume)	1772
P566/1/14/4/3	'Pieces of Ancient Popular Poetry from Authentic Manuscripts and Old Printed Copies. T. and J. Egerton (1 volume)	1791
P566/1/14/4/4	'Account of the Life and Writings of William Robertson, Late Principle of the University of Edinburgh, and Historiographer to his Majesty for Scotland'. E. Balfour (1 volume)	1802
P566/1/14/4/5	'The History of the Orkney Islands' by the Rev. George Barry. Archibald Constable and Company (1 volume) Inside inscription reads: 'Alexander Miller' (1 volume)	1805
P566/1/14/4/6	'A Criticism on the Elegy: Written in a Country Church-Yard. Being a Continuation of Dr Johnson's Criticism on the Poems of Gray'. John Ballantyne and Co. and Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown (1 volume)	1810
P566/1/14/4/7	'A Sketch of Denominations of the Christian World; To Which is prefixed an outline of	1814

	Atheism, Deism, Theophilanthropism, Judaism and Mahometanism' by John Evans. B. and R. Crosby and Co. Stationers (1 volume)	
P566/1/14/4/8	'Notes on Orkney and Zetland: Illustrative of The History, Antiquities, Scenery and Customs of those Islands, Vol. I' by Alexander Peterkin. Macreadie, Skelly, and Company (1 volume)	1822
P566/1/14/4/9	'The Shipwreck, A Poem' by William Falconer, a Sailor. N. Hailes et al (1 volume)	1824
P566/1/14/4/10	'History of The House and Clan of Mackay' by Robert Mackay. Self-published. Inside inscription reads: 'Daniel Miller, Skinnet. To G. Miller, Rio De Janeiro. Alexander Miller, 1974' (1 volume)	1829
P566/1/14/4/11	'The Correspondence of the Right Honourable Sir John Sinclair, Volume I. Henry Colburn and Richard Bentley (1 volume)	1831
P566/1/14/4/12	'The Correspondence of the Right Honourable Sir John Sinclair, Volume II'. Henry Colburn and Richard Bentley (1 volume)	1831
P566/1/14/4/13	'A History of The Highlands and of The Highland Clans (Volume 1 & 2)' by James Browne. A. Fullarton and Co. (2 volumes)	1832
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P566/1/14/4/15	'Antiquities and Scenery of The North of Scotland, in a Series of Letters to Thomas Pennant' by the Rev. Charles Cordiner, minister of St. Andrew's Chapel, Banff (1 volume)	c.1832
P566/1/14/4/16	'The Statistical Account of Sutherlandshire' by The Ministers of the respective parishes. William Blackwood and Sons (1 volume)	1841
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P566/1/14/4/19	'A History of the Earth and Animated Nature, Volume I' by Oliver Goldsmith. A. Fullarton & Co. (1 volume)	1847

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P566/1/14/4/22	'The Orkneyinga Saga' edited, with notes and introduction by Joseph Anderson, Keeper of the National Museum of the Antiquaries of Scotland. Edmonston and Douglas (1 volume)	1873
P566/1/14/4/23	Bound volume of Reports of the Aberdeen Students' Missionary Union, 1855-1873 (1 volume)	c.1873
P566/1/14/4/24	'The Geognosy and Mineralogy of Scotland: Part VII- Caithness' by M. Forster Heddle. Lake and Lake (1 volume)	1880
P566/1/14/4/25	'Life of Lieut.-Gen. Hugh Mackay of Scoury' by John Mackay. Edward Bull (1 volume)	1882
P566/1/14/4/26	'Twelve Sketches of Scenery & Antiquities on the Line of the Great North of Scotland Railway' by George Reid. David Douglas (1 volume)	1883
P566/1/14/4/27	'Logbook of a Fisherman and Zoologist' by Frank Buckland. Chapman and Hall Limited (1 volume)	1883
P566/1/14/4/28	'A Description of The Isles of Orkney' by the Rev. James Wallace (Minister of Kirkwall). William Brown (1 volume)	1883
P566/1/14/4/29	'A Sojourn in the Highlands' by Lancelot Speed. Privately published. Dedicated to Mary Bignold (1 volume)	1885
P566/1/14/4/30	'The Geology and Scenery of Sutherland' by Henry M. Cadell. David Douglas (1 volume)	1896
P566/1/14/4/31	'Little Journeys to the Homes of English Authors' by Elbert Hubbard. The Roycrofters (1 volume)	Jan 1900
P566/1/14/4/32	'South Africa and the Transvaal War, Volumes I-VII' by Louis Creswick. The Caxton Publishing Co. (7 volumes)	1900
P566/1/14/4/33	'The Boer War: London to Ladysmith via Pretoria and Ian Hamilton's March' by Winston Churchill (2002 reprint). Pimlico (1 volume)	1900

P566/1/14/4/34	'The War in South Africa: Its Causes and Effects' by J. A. Hobson. James Nisbet & Co., Limited (1 volume)	1900
P566/1/14/4/35	'Familiar Garden Flowers, Series One to Four', figured by F. Edward Hulme and described by Shirley Hibberd. Cassell & Company Limited (4 volumes)	c.1900
P566/1/14/4/36	'The Form and Order of the Service that is to be performed and Ceremonies that are to be observed in the Coronation of their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra in the Abbey Church of St. Peter, Westminster, on Thursday, the 26 th day of June, 1902'. Henry Frowde, M.A., Publisher to the University of Oxford. Number 62 of 350 limited edition copies printed for sale. Inscription to Lowell [Thomas], American broadcaster, from Charlie "O" inside cover (1 volume)	1902
P566/1/14/4/37	'The Highlanders of Scotland' by William F. Skene. Eneas Mackay (1 volume)	1902
P566/1/14/4/38	'Autobiographical Journal of John MacDonald, Schoolmaster and Soldier, 1770-1830'. Norman McLeod (1 volume)	1906
P566/1/14/4/39	'In the Grip of the Nyika: Further Adventures in British Africa' by J. H. Patterson. Macmillan and Co. Ltd. (1 volume)	1909
P566/1/14/4/40	'Second Report and Inventory of Monuments and Constructions In the County of Sutherland' by The Royal Commission on The Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of Scotland. His Majesty's Stationery Office (1 volume)	1911
P566/1/14/4/41	'Wild Sport and Some Stories' by Gilfrid W. Hartley. William Blackwood and Sons (1 volume)	1912
P566/1/14/4/42	'A Highland Regiment' by E. A. Mackintosh, M.C. John Lane (1 volume)	1917
P566/1/14/4/43	'Sans Peur, War Diary of the Fifth Seaforth Highlanders 51 st (Highland) Division with Illustrations and a map by Captain D. Sutherland, M.C., T.D.' John Lane (1 volume)	1920
P566/1/14/4/44	'The Land of the Hills and the Glens: Wild Life in Iona and the Inner Hebrides' by Seton Gordon. Cassell and Company Limited (1 volume)	1920

P566/1/14/4/45	'A Collection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs' by Sir William Sinclair. Peter Reid (1 volume)	c.1920
P566/1/14/4/46	'Sport in Wildest Britain' by H. Hesketh Prichard. William Heinemann (1 volume)	1921
P566/1/14/4/47	'Amid The High Hills' by Sir Hugh Fraser. A & C. Black Limited (1 volume)	1923
P566/1/14/4/48	'Reminiscences of a Victorian' by Charles Beadle. Privately Printed (1 volume)	1924
P566/1/14/4/49	'Kenya' by Norman Leys. Hogarth Press (1 volume)	1924
P566/1/14/4/50	'Every-Day Life on an Old Highway Farm, 1769-1782' by I. F. Grant. Longmans, Green and Co. (1 volume)	1924
P566/1/14/4/51	'51 st (Highland) Division War Memorial – Beaumont-Hamel (Somme)' (1 volume)	1925
P566/1/14/4/52	'The Immortal Isles' by Seton Gordon. William & Norgate Limited (1 volume)	1926
P566/1/14/4/53	'Wild Sports & Natural History of the Highlands' by Charles St John. Gurney and Jackson (1 volume)	1927
P566/1/14/4/54	'Sporting Interludes at Geneva' by Anthony Buxton. Country Life Limited (1 volume)	1932
P566/1/14/4/55	'Fifty Years and More of Sport in Scotland: Deer Stalking, Salmon Fishing, Grouse Shooting and Other Pleasant Memories, 1880-1932' by The Duke of Portland. Faber and Faber Limited (1 volume)	1933
P566/1/14/4/56	'Cecil Rhodes' by William Plomer. Peter Davies Limited (1 volume)	1933
P566/1/14/4/57	'Highways and Byways in the West Highlands' by Seton Gordon. Macmillan and Co. Limited (1 volume)	1935
P566/1/14/4/57	'The King's Grace, 1910-1935' by John Buchan. Hodder and Stoughton Limited. Special Limited Canadian Edition signed by the author. No. 66 of 250 (1 volume)	1935
P566/1/14/4/58	'An account of the arrangements and procedure in Westminster Hall Friday 7 May 1937 on the occasion of the luncheon of the Empire Parliamentary Association at which H. M. King	1937

	George VI welcomed the Prime Ministers and other delegates to the Imperial Conference and the delegates to the Empire Parliamentary Conference' (1 volume)	
P566/1/14/4/59	'McIlan's Highlanders at Home or Gaelic Gatherings' by James Logan. David Bryce and Sons (1 volume)	c.1937
P566/1/14/4/60	'Lovedale South Africa, The Story of a Century 1841-1941' by Robert H. W. Shepherd. The Lovedale Press. Signed by the author (2 volumes)	1940
P566/1/14/4/61	'Sans Peur, The History of The 5 th (Caithness and Sutherland) Battalion, the Seaforth Highlanders, 1942-1945' by Alastair Borthwick. Eneas Mackay (1 volume)	1946
P566/1/14/4/62	'Fishing and Flying' by Terence Horsley. Illustrated by F. C. Tunnicliffe. Eyre & Spottiswoode (1 volume)	1947
P566/1/14/4/63	'A Dog at My Heel' by James Martin Young. Country Life Limited (1 volume)	1951
P566/1/14/4/64	'The Drove Roads of Scotland' by A. R. B. Haldane. Thomas Nelson and Sons Ltd. (1 volume)	1952
P566/1/14/4/65	'A Memoir of The Forty-Five' by The Chevalier de Johnstone, edited with an introduction by Brian Rawson. Folio Society (1 volume)	1958
P566/1/14/4/66	'The Hunt for Kimathi' by Ian Henderson with Philip Goodhart. Hamish Hamilton (1 volume)	1958
P566/1/14/4/67	'Highland Folk Ways' by I. F. Grant. Birlinn Limited. Published 1995 (1 volume)	1961
P566/1/14/4/68	'The Blue Bowl' by James Martin Young. W. R. Chambers, Limited (1 volume)	1962
P566/1/14/4/69	'The Tartan Spotter's Guide' by James D. Scarlett. Shephard-Walwyn (1 volume)	1973
P566/1/14/4/70	'Leaves From the Journal of Our Life In The Highlands from 1848 to 1861' by Queen Victoria. Edited by Arthur Helps. The Folio Society (1 volume)	1973
P566/1/14/4/71	'Tales of the North Coast: The Beautiful and Remote North Coast of Scotland from Melvich to Tongue' by Alan Temperley and the Pupils of	1977

	Farr Secondary School. The Research Publishing Co (1 volume)	
P566/1/14/4/72	'The Do's and Don'ts: House and Cottage Conversions' by Hugh Lander. Acanthus Books (1 volume)	1979
P566/1/14/4/73	'The Do's and Don'ts: House and Cottage Interiors' by Hugh Lander. Acanthus Books (1 volume)	1981
P566/1/14/4/74	Sale catalogue for The Portland Font, the property of Lady Anne Bentink, sold at Christies on 11 July 1985. Christie, Manson & Woods Limited (1 volume)	11 Jul 1985
P566/1/14/4/75	'Wemyss Ware: a decorative Scottish Pottery' by Peter Davis and Robert Rankine. Scottish Academic Press (1 volume)	1986
P566/1/14/4/76	'The Castles of Scotland' by Maurice Lindsay. Constable (1 volume)	1986
P566/1/14/4/77	'The Ghillie: A Cure for Stress' by Dr. James Dyce. Stress Publications (1 volume)	1987
P566/1/14/4/78	'The Founder: Cecil Rhodes and the Pursuit of Power' by Robert I. Rotberg. Oxford University Press (1 volume)	1988
P566/1/14/4/79	'Seton Gordon: The Life and Times of A Highland Gentleman' by Raymond Eagle. Lochar Publishing Limited (1 volume)	1991
P566/1/14/4/80	'Voices of Scotland: A Catalogue of an Exhibition of Scottish Books and Manuscripts from the 15 th to the 20 th centuries' by Janet Saint Germain. The Grolier Club (1 volume)	1992
P566/1/14/4/81	'Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia' by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire. Harper Collins (1 volume)	1994
P566/1/14/4/82	'Battalion: A British Infantry Unit's actions from El Alamein to the Elbe, 1942-1945' by Alastair Borthwick. Baton Wicks Publications. Includes a newspaper article on Sandy Gow from the John O' Groat Journal (Friday August 12 th 2005) (1 volume)	1994
P566/1/14/4/83	'Celtic Myths and Legends' by T.W. Rolleston. Senate (1 volume)	1994

P566/1/14/4/84	'In from the Cuithes: an Orkney Anthology' edited by Howie Firth. The Orkney Press (1 volume)	1995
P566/1/14/4/85	'Tartanware: Souvenirs from Scotland' by Princess Ira Von Furstenberg. Pavilion Books (1 volume)	1996
P566/1/14/4/86	'The Scottish Regiments' by Diana M. Henderson. Harper Collins (1 volume)	1996
P566/1/14/4/87	Assorted novels and poetry by George Mackay Brown. Includes biography by Maggie Fergusson (32 volumes)	1967-2006

P566/2 – Papers of the Miller family of Scrabster

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P566/2

Alternative reference number:

Title: Papers of the Miller family of Scrabster

Dates of creation: 1826-1962

Level of description: Sub-fonds

Extent: 1 Box

Format: Paper, photographs

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: The Miller family of Scrabster

Administrative history: John Miller Esquire and his wife Inglis Hay (m.1866) were the parents of Margaret Davidson nee Miller, wife of James John Christian Davidson. The Miller family lived at Dounreay before moving to Scrabster House. The Miller estate was sold in 1950 following the death of the last male heir, John Alexander Miller, son of James and grandson of John Miller Esquire.

Among the family papers are those of the Reverend William Miller, brother of John Miller Esquire, who was Principal of Madras Christian College.

Custodial history: Deposited by Hugh Davidson

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Legal papers, correspondence, photographs

Appraisal:

Accruals:

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

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Closed until:

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Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

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Ref.	Description	Dates
P566	Papers of the Davidson, Miller and Swanson families	1711-2019
P566/2	Papers of the Miller family of Scrabster	1826-1962
P566/2/1	Legal papers and related correspondence	1915-1962
P566/2/1/1	Trust Disposition and Settlement of John Miller Esq. of Scrabster (1 item)	1915
P566/2/1/2	Trust Disposition and Settlement of James Miller, Lieut. Seaforth Highlanders. Son of John Miller Esq. of Scrabster (1 item)	1916
P566/2/1/3	Letters written to James John Christian Davidson in his capacity as Trustee of James Miller's estate from Melville and Lindesay, solicitors, Edinburgh (3 items)	11 Sep 1918- 19 Nov 1918
P566/2/1/4	Will & Codicils of The Revd Alexander Miller D.D., South United Free Church of Scotland, Buckie (died 2 April 1922) (brother of John Miller Esq. of Scrabster) (1 item)	1922
P566/2/1/5	Receipt by Colonel Davidson in favour of The Executors of the late Rev Alexander Miller, D.D., South United Free Church of Scotland, Buckie, of legacies to his daughters (1 item)	27 Nov 1922
P566/2/1/6	Valuation of The Funds belonging to the Trustees of the late John Miller, Esq., of Scrabster (1 item)	1933

P566/2/1/7	Letter addressed to Mrs J. J. C. Davidson appraising her of the value of her father's trust (1 item)	8 Nov 1934
P566/2/1/8	Will by John Miller of Scrabster (son of John Miller Esq. and brother of Margaret (Grettie) Davidson. Includes covering letter to Margaret (2 items)	1937-1949
P566/2/1/9	Inventory and Valuation of Silver Plates, Furniture and Effects of Mr John Miller of Scrabster. Includes covering letter sent to his sister Margaret Davidson (2 items)	Aug 1949- 13 Oct 1949
P566/2/1/10	Court of Session petition of John Alexander Miller to acquire the lands and estate of Scrabster in fee simple. Sent to Mrs Margaret Miller or Davidson, Respondent (2 items)	18 Nov 1949
P566/2/1/11	Letter addressed to Mrs Davidson advising that the Scrabster Harbour Trustees will allow John Miller's family to take over at valuation any articles of his they desired (1 item)	21 Nov 1949
P566/2/1/12	Mr John Miller Senior's Trust Inventory and Valuation of Pictures, Plate and Books as from Acknowledgment (2 items)	1949
P566/2/1/13	Memorial by John Baird, W.S., Edinburgh and Another (Trustees of the late John Miller of Scrabster) for The Opinion of Counsel (regarding John Alexander Miller's petition to acquire the lands and estate of Scrabster following his death on 2 nd Dec 1949) (1 item)	1950
P566/2/1/14	Memorandum for the Information of the Relatives of the late Mr John A. Miller, Gillock Park, Thurso, who died on 2nd December 1949, with questionnaire (1 item)	1950
P566/2/1/15	Mr John Miller of Scrabster's Executory: List of Articles of Furniture within Scrabster House valued for Transfer Purposes and which are desired by the relatives of the late Mr Miller: articles asked for by Mrs Davidson (1 item)	1950
P566/2/1/16	Mr John Miller of Scrabster's Executory: List of articles of Furniture to be valued for Transfer Purposes (1 item)	1950
P566/2/1/17	Scrabster House: List of Articles handed over by Harbour Trust (1 item)	1950

P566/2/1/18	Letters addressed to Mrs Davidson regarding the settlement of John A. Miller's Executry (3 items)	1 May 1950- 12 May 1950
P566/2/1/19	Poster for an Auction Sale at Scrabster House. Sale of household furniture and furnishings and a Morris motor van etc. (1 item)	20 May 1950
P566/2/1/20	Account Current between Mrs Davidson and Messrs. Melville & Lindsay, W.S. (2 items)	16 Jul 1950
P566/2/1/21	Bank of England stock transfer slips for War Stock and British Transport, transferred from John A. Miller's estate to C.J. Whittington and Co. (2 items)	28 Sep 1950–29 Sep 1950
P566/2/1/22	Will and Codicil by Miss Anne Miller, O.B.E. and covering letter addressed to Miss Davidson at Cally (2 items)	26 Feb 1962
P566/2/2	Correspondence sent to Margaret Davidson née Miller from Miller family members	1906-1912
P566/2/2/1	Letters to Margaret Davidson and her husband James from her uncle, Alexander Miller (1 bundle)	5 Mar 1906 - 30 Jan 1918
P566/2/2/2	Letters to Margaret Davidson from her uncle, the Rev. William Miller (1 bundle)	7 Mar 1906 - 15 Dec 1915
P566/2/2/3	Letter to Margaret Davidson from 'Cousin Jeanie' regarding Margaret's wedding to James. Sent from Paris (1 item)	21 Mar 1906
P566/2/2/4	Letters to Margaret Davidson from her father, John Miller (1 bundle)	Apr 1908-May 1915
P566/2/2/5	Letters to Margaret Davidson from her 'affectionate sister Marion Mackay' sent from addresses in India. The letters detail life in India (1 bundle, 3 letters)	20 Jul 1910- 9 Jan 1912
P566/2/2/6	Letters sent from Scrabster House to James and Grettie regarding the death of a family member (2 items)	n.d.
P566/2/3	Records of Reverend William Miller	1894-1930
P566/2/3/1	Letter from Alex Browne to William Miller (1 item)	3 Aug 1830
P566/2/3/2	A Sketch of the Life of the Honourable The Rev. William Miller M.A., L.L.D., C.I.E. by a former student, with a speech by The Rev. C. Cooper, M.A. Madras: 1894 (1 volume)	1894

P566/2/3/3	Letters of thanks written to The Rev. William Miller from students at Eachinkadu, South India and Madras Christian College (3 items)	21 Nov 1898-31 May 1901
P566/2/3/4	Mission of the United Free Church of Scotland Story of Our Madras Mission' by George Pittendrigh and William Meston. Edinburgh: Publications Office United Free Church (1 volume)	1907
P566/2/3/5	Transcript of a speech given 'to the former students of Madras Christian College' by William Miller on the 30 th Dec 1910 (1 item)	30 Dec 1910
P566/2/3/6	Black and white portrait photograph of Rev. William Miller (1 item)	c.1910
P566/2/3/7	Will and Codicils of the Reverend Principal William Miller (brother of John Miller Esq. of Scrabster) (1 item)	1920-1923
P566/2/3/8	Memorandum by The Trustees of the late William Miller, younger of Scrabster, as to the properties in Dean Terrace and Jamaica Street, Edinburgh which belong to the late Mr James Hay (1 item)	1929
P566/2/4	Various	1826-1897
P566/2/4/1	A Sermon delivered at the Congressional Chapel, Thurso on Lords Day, January 1, 1826. On occasion of the death of George Miller esq. Including a Brief Sketch of his life.' By Alexander Ewing. Wick and Thurso, William Todd (1 volume)	1826
P566/2/4/2	Papers and notes detailing the Miller and Hay family trees. Margaret Davidson's mother's name was Hay. Includes black and white photographs of various members of the Miller family (1 bundle)	c.1860-c.2000
P566/2/4/3	'The Caithnessian Atlas'. Hand drawn by A[nnie]. Miller [daughter of John Miller, Scrabster House (1 volume)	c.1895
P566/2/4/4	The Scrabster Harbour Order 1897, Arrangement of Sections (1 item)	1897

P566/3 – Papers of the Swanson family of Gerston

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P566/3

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Title: Papers of the Swanson family of Gerston

Dates of creation: 1711-2001

Level of description: Sub-fonds

Extent: 2 Boxes

Format: Paper, photographs, portraits

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: The Swanson family of Gerston

Administrative history: Miss Elizabeth Swanson married John Henry Davidson in 1864. The Swanson's were tacksmen of Gerston under Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster. Francis Swanson married Christian Henderson, daughter of Alexander Henderson, tacksman of Stemster and tenant of Gerston, in 1726. Francis Swanson became tenant of Gerston in 1751 or 1752, and his descendants were the tenants until 1872.

Custodial history: Deposited by Hugh Davidson

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Legal papers, correspondence, financial records

Appraisal:

Accruals:

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

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P566	Papers of the Davidson, Miller and Swanson families	1711-2019
P566/3	Papers of the Swanson family of Gerston	1711-2001
P566/3/1	Gerston Distillery	c.1890-2001
P566/3/1/1	Black and white photograph of Gerston Distillery (1 item)	c.1890
P566/3/1/2	Prospectus and other papers providing details on investing in The Northern Distilleries Limited, formed to acquire the Distillery of Gerston (1 bundle)	Oct 1897
P566/3/1/3	Transcript of Gerston Distillery Index to Cash Book: 1849-1869 (1 bundle)	Jun 2001
P566/3/2	Tacks, Correspondence, and Legal and Other Papers concerning the Lands of Gerston, Halkirk, Bridgend of Halkirk, Swanson's Tenements, Pennyland, Ham, and other Lands and Properties belonging to the Swanson family	1711-1865
P566/3/2/1	Tack betwixt The Lady Ulbster and The Laird of Ulbster for the town and lands of Gerstown (1 item)	8 Mar 1711
P566/3/2/2	Tack betwixt George Sinclair of Ulbster and Francis Swanson for the Lands of Gerston (1 item)	6 May 1751
P566/3/2/3	Tack between Francis Swanson, Gerston, and Alexander Deed for the house and yard at Gerston (1 item)	9 Jul 1762

P566/3/2/4	Tack of Pennyland between Donald Calder of Strath and James Calder, Collector of Excise (1 item)	1765
P566/3/2/5	Legal documents relating to the tack of Swanson's Tenement in the town of Thurso and a dispute over the tack between Baillie John Sinclair and Francis Swanson of Gerston (8 items)	1766-1789
P566/3/2/6	Copy of letter of tack for Gerston Mill, tenant John Miller (1 item)	28 May 1768
P566/3/2/7	Heritable Bond David Sinclair to William Sutherland (1 item)	22 Oct 1776
P566/3/2/8	Tack betwixt John Sinclair of Ulbster and George Swanson son to Francis Swanson Tacksman of Gerston for the Pennylands of the Lands of Halkirk and the Lands of the Bridgend of Halkirk (1 item)	17 Nov 1783
P566/3/2/9	Sasine in favour of George Swanson of Gerston for parts of lands of Strathmore (1 item)	3 Aug 1789
P566/3/2/10	List of the tenants in the large Tenement bought by Capt. Swanson at the roup of the late Mr John Sinclair's Houses (1 item)	7 Mar 1796
P566/3/2/11	Tack Betwixt John Sinclair of Ulbster and Captain George Swanson Tacksman of Gerston for the Town and lands of Gerston (1 item)	25 Oct 1799
P566/3/2/12	Registered Tack Betwixt John Sinclair of Ulbster and Francis Swanson Tacksman of Gerston for the Town and lands of Gerston (1 item)	9 Jan 1800
P566/3/2/13	Tack betwixt Sir John Sinclair's Trustees and Captain George Sinclair for the Town and Lands of Gerston (1 item)	1822
P566/3/2/14	Note listing various property transactions of the Swanson family from 1665 to 1774 (2 items)	20 Jan 1845
P566/3/2/15	Tack between J.G.T. Sinclair Esq. of Ulbster and James C. Swanson Esq. of Lands of Gerston. Entry Whitsunday 1853, expiry Whitsunday 1872. Rent £285 (1 item)	1853
P566/3/2/16	Lease between George Traill Esquire, M.P. and Messrs. Hugh Davidson and James Calder Swanson of the Farm and Mills of Ham. 15-year lease, 1865-1880 (1 item)	1865

P566/3/3	Correspondence	1751-1867
P566/3/3/1	Letter from John Sinclair of Scotsclader to Francis Swanson regarding tenants and milling (1 item)	30 Nov 1751
P566/3/3/2	A note of the roofs [houses?] of Gerston presently possessed by sub tenants (1 item)	1751-1752
P566/3/3/3	Letter from Francis Swanson to his son David, clerk to John Gibson of Durie, Leven, Fife, regarding his prospects. Mentions a possible meeting with Mr Oswald (1 item)	9 Oct 1766
P566/3/3/4	Letters to Francis Swanson from his son David regarding his prospects and business dealings in Leven, Fife. Fragile (3 items)	10 May 1766-27 Feb 1768
P566/3/3/5	Letter from William Gunn, Stanstill, to Francis Swanson, Tacksman of Gerston, regarding a letter he received from Sir Stuart Threipland with news of Swanson's son [David] in Jamaica. With note containing a copy paragraph from Doctor Gordon of Jamaica's letter regarding the recovery of Mr Swanson from a dangerous illness (3 items)	20 Sep 1768
P566/3/3/6	Letter of condolence from William Swanson to his uncle, Francis Swanson, following the death of the latter's son [David]. Fragile (1 item)	29 Jul 1769
P566/3/3/7	Letter to Francis Swanson from John Sinclair asking him to pay Alexander Water the sum of ten pounds. Fragile (1 item)	22 Feb 1771
P566/3/3/8	Letter to Francis Swanson from Lady Janet Sinclair regarding tenants and gathering rents (1 item)	30 Aug 1772
P566/3/3/9	Letter from Donald Stuart to Francis Swanson acknowledging the sale of oatmeal, bere and two black ploughing oxen (1 item)	26 Oct 1772
P566/3/3/10	Letter to Francis Swanson, Tacksman of Gerston from Janet Sinclair regarding Alexander Reid and the tenants of 'Lurrery' [Lurray] and their disputes (1 item)	29 Oct 1773
P566/3/3/11	Letter from Lady Janet Sinclair to Francis Swanson asking him for help in settling a dispute with David Manson, a tenant at Stainland (1 item)	c.1773

P566/3/3/12	Petition to the Honourable Lady Jennet Sinclair of Ulbster from an elderly tenant asking if his son may perform required labour on his behalf. Unsigned (1 item)	29 Oct 1773
P566/3/3/13	Letter to Francis Swanson from Lady Janet Sinclair regarding a dyke encroaching her son's land (1 item)	1774
P566/3/3/14	Letter from John Swanson, Stromness, to Francis Swanson, Tacksman of Gerston, regarding the recovery of Francis Swanson's son's [David Swanson] Estate in Jamaica (1 item)	17 Feb 1785
P566/3/3/15	Letters from William Swanson, proprietor of Leithhead, Edinburgh to his cousin, George Swanson, Gerston. Subjects include farming, improvements, the death of George's father, Halkirk Post Office, and the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles (1 bundle)	25 Oct 1787-5 Jan 1798
P566/3/3/16	Letter from Peter Swanson, London, to George Swanson, Gerston, offering condolences on the death of the latter's father; Captain Sinclair's estate and his family's claim on it; the prospects of Charles [Swanson]; and his purchase of Swinzie estate (1 item)	5 May 1788
P566/3/3/17	Letter from Hector Swanson, Port Appin to his cousin George Swanson, Gerston, regarding the death of the latter's father and the former's work as an exciseman (1 item)	18 Aug 1788
P566/3/3/18	Letter from Francis Campbell, London, to his uncle George Swanson, Gerston, informing him he is leaving for Jamaica to work for a Mr Jonstone on a sugar plantation. The job was arranged by another Mr Swanson in Jamaica [please be aware derogatory language is used in this letter] (1 item)	6 Mar 1792
P566/3/3/19	Letter from James Smith, Thurso, to Robert Sinclair, Scotsclader, regarding a log order and the state of the timber industry in Scotland (1 item)	25 Jul 1792
P566/3/3/20	Fragment of a letter addressed to George Swanson Esq., Gerston, Bridgend of Halkirk, from J. Sinclair (1 item)	Mar 1794
P566/3/3/21	Letter from Catha Duthie, Tister, to Mrs Swanson, Gerston, regarding the birth of a daughter [Marey, 31/8/1796] to a Mrs Henderson	2 Sep 1796

	[Margaret Henderson nee Duthie, married to Alexander Henderson] at her home (1 item)	
P566/3/3/22	Letter from Francis Swanson, Gerston, to Captain George Swanson, regarding financial matters concerning the sale of whisky, cattle and crops and some local news (1 item)	24 Sep 1798
P566/3/3/23	Letter from Jean Swanson, Gerston, to her husband George Swanson, regarding family matters, harvest and the rent of properties (1 item)	26 Sep 1798
P566/3/3/24	Letters from D[avid] Campbell, London, to his uncle George Swanson, Gerston, regarding his military service in Sir William Johnstone's Fences called the Prince of Wales Own during the French Revolutionary War (1793-1802), his circumstances, and payment of debts. Includes invoice from Bo of R, Wholesale Perfumer, 330 Strand, London, to D. Campbell for wholesale amounts of soap, hair and toothbrushes, and perfume (9 items)	28 Aug 1799- 18 Jun 1816
P566/3/3/25	Letter from [Mrs] A Campbell to Captain George Swanson regarding news of Mr Campbell's arrival in Guernsey, the birth of Captain Swanson's son, and news of Mr and Mrs Matheson (1 item)	15 Oct 1799
P566/3/3/26	Letter from Will Sutherland, Burntisland, to George Swanson of Gerston, regarding a money draft, herring fishing, and a Jean Swanson (1 item)	10 Jan 1801
P566/3/3/27	Letter from Robert Sinclair to an unknown cousin regarding a bad investment in the 'Brewhouse' business (1 item)	30 Mar 1804
P566/3/3/28	Letters between Captain Donald Robesan or Robison, John Mitchell, and George Swanson of Gerston regarding a property in Thurso and disposal of furniture (3 items)	30 Mar 1805- 2 May 1805
P566/3/3/29	Letter from Capt. Swanson to John Davidson, Buckies, promising to pay him £16 on demand (paid 13 th Jan 1808) (1 item)	22 May 1806
P566/3/3/30	Note from Don Sutherland detailing progress of building work on a house 'at the kirk' (1 item)	2 Sep 1807
P566/3/3/31	Letter from James Trail, St Cyrus, to Captain George Swanson, Gerston, detailing Trail's efforts to secure education and employment for	21 Apr 1808

	the sons of the recently deceased Mr Burn, James and David, and their mother's anger at the prospect of them going overseas (1 item)	
P566/3/3/32	Letter from A Calder to his niece, Miss Calder, Gerston, regarding his safe arrival after parting from her. Fragile (1 item)	11 Feb 1811
P566/3/3/33	Statement of debt due by Henry Scotland, Dunfermline, to George Swanson, Gerston (1 item)	15 Sep 1813-31 Jul 1815
P566/3/3/34	Letter from George Aitkin to George Swanson of Gerston, regarding the debts of a Mr Scotland, and the death of a Mr Stenhouse (1 item)	24 Aug 1815
P566/3/3/35	Letter from J. and D. Horne to George Swanson regarding the debt owed to Swanson by Mr Henry Scotland. The letter includes the minutes of a meeting of Mr Scotland's creditors (1 item)	24 Jan 1816
P566/3/3/36	Letter acknowledging the donation of money from John Swanson, Edinburgh, to the poor of Thurso and Halkirk parishes respectively. The letter is addressed to George Swanson, who handed over the donation, and signed by W. Mackintosh, Thurso Manse, and John Cameron, Halkirk (1 item)	2 Jul 1817-3 Aug 1817
P566/3/3/37	Letters from John Swanson, Edinburgh, to his cousin George Swanson, Gerston, regarding a debt owed by J. Gilbertson, other money matters, the state of health of family members and other family news (4 items)	18 Jul 1817-28 Mar 1831
P566/3/3/38	Letter from [P] Calder, Tain, to George Swanson regarding the tack of Pennyland and an inheritance (1 item)	31 Jul 1817
P566/3/3/39	State of advances made by Messrs. Horne and Easton W.S. on account of Captain George Swanson of Gerston's claims on Henry Scotland's Trust (1 item)	21 Jun 1820
P566/3/3/40	Letter from Ja. Smith to George Swanson regarding debts and business with third parties (1 item)	4 Aug 1820
P566/3/3/41	Letter from [Geo] Swanson to his nephew Alexander Campbell regarding payment of accounts (1 item)	15 May 1821

P566/3/3/42	Letter from D. Horne to Captain Swanson, Gerston, regarding the Superiority of Gerston (1 item)	19 Apr 1822
P566/3/3/43	Letter from Daniel Miller to Captain Swanson, Gerston, regarding a voluntary trust deed Drover Henderson wishes to give his creditors (1 item)	21 Feb 1823
P566/3/3/44	Letter from Peter Swanson, Banner Square, London, to 'Reverend Dear Sir', thanking him for sending him Power of Attorney over stocks in the Bank of England, the prospect of a job in accounts, and the upcoming Budget proposing to remove the bounty on herring (1 item)	6 Mar 1824
P566/3/3/45	Letter from [Mr Snody] to George Swanson regarding payment of expenses (1 item)	20 Feb 1825
P566/3/3/46	Letter from [D] Swanson to his father, Charles Swanson, Upper Latheron, enquiring about his circumstances and lamenting the lack of communication from him (1 item)	22 Feb 1828
P566/3/3/47	Letter from James Smith to George Swanson regarding Swanson's victory in a case against 'the Bank Directors' (1 item)	17 Jan 1829
P566/3/3/48	Letter from the Commercial Bank, Thurso, approving John Swanson, Distiller, Gerston's, application for credit (1 item)	25 Mar 1830
P566/3/3/49	Letter from John Sinclair, Thurso Castle, to Captain Swanson, Gerston, regarding Swanson's proposals for renewing the tack of Gerston (2 items)	24 Sep 1830
P566/3/3/50	Correspondence and election material relating to parliamentary representation and elections in Caithness (1 bundle) Includes: Leaflet entitled 'Scheme for adding to the wealth and comfort of the Inhabitants of Caithness', written by 'A Lover of Caithness' (1 item) Extract from the Right Hon. Sir John Sinclair's "Thoughts on Parliamentary Reform" published in spring 1831 (1 item) Letter from William Horne, Stirkoke, to the Electors of the county of Caithness, offering himself as an independent candidate for their vote following the passage of the Representation of the People Act (1 item)	1830-1835 c.1830 c.1831 21 Jul 1832

	<p>Letter to 'The Freeholders of the County of Caithness', from George Sinclair (1 item)</p> <p>Second letter to the Electors of the county of Caithness from Mr William Horne of Scouthel (1 item)</p> <p>Leaflet 'To the Electors of the county of Caithness' from George Sinclair, outlining the circumstances of his becoming M.P. for Caithness and his credentials as a reformer (1 item)</p> <p>Third letter to the Electors of the county of Caithness from Mr William Horne of Scouthel (1 item)</p> <p>Letter from George Sinclair to the 'Electors of the county of Caithness' (2 items)</p> <p>Letter to the Electors of the county of Caithness from Alexander Henderson, chair of the Thurso Committee to promote the Re-Election of Mr Sinclair of Ulbster, and Robert Innes, chair of the Wick branch, expressing their belief that Mr Sinclair will be re-elected and will appear in person at the Poll (1 item)</p> <p>Circular containing the minutes of a meeting of electors of Reay, Halkirk, Thurso, Olig and Dunnet parishes, held to allow voters the opportunity to comment on 'the present crisis of Public Affairs' following the dismissal of Lord Melbourne's government (1 item)</p> <p>Letter 'To the Electors of the county of Caithness' from George Sinclair regretting that his health has prevented him from visiting them in person, and that the election is due to take place in Wick on the 16th January 1835 (1 item)</p> <p>Letter 'To the Electors of the County of Caithness' from George Sinclair regarding his success in the election (1 item)</p> <p>Official objection to the enrolment of John Sinclair Swanson of Gerston as a voter in the Shire of Caithness. Lodged by Morison Snody, writer in Thurso (1 item)</p> <p>Letter 'To the Electors of the county of Caithness' from 'Your Friend and Brother, an Elector' advocating progressive Reform and opposing the Tory party (1 item)</p> <p>Letter 'To the Electors of the county of Caithness' from George Sinclair explaining his</p>	<p>13 Aug 1832</p> <p>1 Sep 1832</p> <p>28 Sep 1832</p> <p>20 Oct 1832</p> <p>21 Nov 1834</p> <p>8 Dec 1835</p> <p>27 Dec 1834</p> <p>9 Jan 1835</p> <p>19 Jan 1835</p> <p>27 Jul 1835</p> <p>21 Aug 1835</p> <p>6 Oct 1835</p>
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	<p>illness has prevented him from visiting Caithness in his capacity as their Representative (1 item)</p> <p>Letter 'To the Electors and Inhabitants of the county of Caithness' from 'An Elector' criticising Caithness M.P. George Sinclair (1 item)</p> <p>Open letter from 'An Elector, W.W.M.', to George Sinclair Esq., M.P. for Caithness, criticising his performance as the county's representative (1 item)</p> <p>Letter to the 'Electors of the County of Caithness', from George Sinclair, expressing his satisfaction with the Declaration of the Caithness-Shire Constitutional Association (1 item)</p> <p>Handbill setting out the opinions and principles of the Caithness-Shire Constitutional Association (1 item)</p>	<p>4 Nov 1835</p> <p>26 Nov 1835</p> <p>27 Nov 1835</p> <p>27 Nov 1835</p>
P566/3/3/51	Letter to John Swanson Esq. regarding rent due for the pew in church (1 item)	29 Aug 1833
P566/3/3/52	Notice given to John Sinclair Swanson that Mr Snody, writer in Thurso, will appeal the judgement of the Sheriff of Caithness admitting Swanson's claim as a voter in Caithness (1 item)	8 Sep 1835
P566/3/3/53	Letter from William Wilson to James and John Swanson requesting payment for barrels of lime (1 item)	31 Dec 1835
P566/3/3/54	Letter from [Margaret] to [her husband] Mr Swanson, Gerston (1 item)	c.1835
P566/3/3/55	Letter from William Doull asking John Swanson to pay the [Murkle and Clardon Society] twelve pounds sterling (1 item)	4 Apr 1840
P566/3/3/56	Envelope addressed to John Swanson Esq., Achavar, by Thurso (1 item)	16 Jan 1843
P566/3/3/57	Letter to 'my beloved husband' addressed from Gerston. Writer and recipient unknown. Concerns a storm and farming news (2 items)	19 Jun 1846
P566/3/3/58	Letter addressed to [Jane Swanson] enclosing a cheque in payment of a legacy (1 item)	30 Jan 1867
P566/3/3/59	Letter from H. G. Mill to Miss Swanson regarding the health of Mr Swanson (1 item)	n.d.

P566/3/3/60	Letter from James Henderson, Thurso, to John Swanson, Esq., Gerston, enquiring if his pew in church is still to let (1 item)	n.d.
P566/3/4	Financial Records	1722-1876
P566/3/4/1	Account betwixt The Earl of Caithness and William Swanson in Bronach (1 item)	1722
P566/3/4/2	Discharge of a debt by George Swanson, smith in Waligoe, to Euphame Henderson and her children (1 item)	30 Jun 1730
P566/3/4/3	Fragment of the valued rent of the parish of Halkirk (1 item)	1747
P566/3/4/4	Receipts for rent and other expenses paid by Francis Swanson to Janet Sinclair of Ulbster (1 bundle)	1768-1785
P566/3/4/5	Account Francis Swanson of Gerston to The Hon. Mrs Sinclair of Miltoun (1 item)	Jan 1768
P566/3/4/6	Receipt showing rental received from Elizabeth Thomson for her room belonging to Lieutenant Robert Sinclair of Assery (1 item)	10 Dec 1768
P566/3/4/7	Slip of paper inscribed 'George Sinclair receipt 1767' (1 item)	1768
P566/3/4/8	Account Mr Francis Swanson Tacksman of Gerston to John Rose, Sheriff Clerk of Caithness (1 item)	1770
P566/3/4/9	Account Francis Swanson Tacksman of Gerston to the Honourable Mrs Sinclair of Miltoun (1 item)	13 Feb 1771
P566/3/4/10	Receipt for copper received from Francis Swanson and sold in Edinburgh, signed Daniel Swanson (1 item)	16 May 1772
P566/3/4/11	Receipt for rent paid by Francis Swanson, Gerston, signed by John Sinclair (1 item)	Dec 1772- Feb 1773
P566/3/4/12	Receipt showing Daniel Swanson, Merchant, paid George Farquhar, Wright, for work undertaken (1 item)	26 May 1773
P566/3/4/13	Account Mr Francis Swanson to John Bain and James Hurrie, Masons in Thurso (1 item)	1773
P566/3/4/14	Receipt for rent received from Francis Swanson, signed by John Sinclair (1 item)	Sep 1774

P566/3/4/15	Account Mr Swanson in Gerston to William Innes, Shipmaster, Thurso (1 item)	Jul 1774
P566/3/4/16	Account Mr Swanson to Mr Ronald for vegetable and flower seeds (1 item)	1776
P566/3/4/17	Account Mr Swanson to Robert Clidsdale for [carriage] repairs (1 item)	Nov 1777
P566/3/4/18	Account Mr Francis Swanson Tacksman of Gerston to James Hurrie and Alexander Shearer, Masons (1 item)	1778
P566/3/4/19	Account Francis Swanson to Alexander Shearer, Mason (1 item)	1778
P566/3/4/20	Account Francis Swanson to Will Bain, Mason in Thurso (1 item)	30 Jan 1784
P566/3/4/21	Note confirming receipt of payments for rent and hay from Francis Swanson, signed by Janet Sinclair (1 item)	1786
P566/3/4/22	Receipt for rental paid by Francis Swanson for Gerston (1 item)	1787
P566/3/4/23	Receipt for rental paid by George Swanson for Halkirk and Bridgend (1 item)	1787-1788
P566/3/4/24	Accounts paid by Capt. George Swanson, signed by John Davidson and John Sinclair (1 item)	1789-1799
P566/3/4/25	Account George Swanson of Gerston to Hugh Swanson in Thurso for house building expenses (1 item)	1790
P566/3/4/26	Account George Swanson, Gerston to Donald Robeson Writer in Thurso (1 item)	1791-1804
P566/3/4/27	Account Mr Swanson of Gerston to Ja. Smith (1 item)	24 Jan 1792
P566/3/4/28	Receipt for school dues for Alex and Francis Swanson signed by Donald Grant Schoolmaster at Halkirk (1 item)	23 Mar 1792
P566/3/4/29	Account George Swanson of Gerston to John Miller to one year's Cess payable out of property in Thurso (1 item)	25 May 1792
P566/3/4/30	Account George Swanson of Gerston to John Miller to a year's Cess of property or tenements in Thurso (2 items)	9 Aug 1793- 25 Mar 1798

P566/3/4/31	Notebook containing 'Feu Duty Tallow from Martinmas 1800 inclusive payable out of Thurso Tenements', 'Gerstown and Halkirk Receipt Book from Whitsunday 1801 inclusive', and 'Return of escort duty performed by the 1 st Battalion 8 th Fencible Regiment of Foot' (1 volume)	1796-1825
P566/3/4/32	State of taxes due by Capt. George Swanson of Gerston for the year ended 5 April 1798, calculated by John Davidson, Buckies (1 item)	1798
P566/3/4/33	Receipt for payment received by Alex Sutherland, Ensign in the Fencible Regiment, from Captain Swanson (1 item)	20 Oct 1798
P566/3/4/34	Account of money due to Lt Col Rae (1 item)	1799
P566/3/4/35	Rental of the town and lands of Gerston. Includes list of tenants and account of cattle (1 item)	c.1800
P566/3/4/36	Account Capt. Swanson of Gerston to Donald Sutherland for wright work (1 item)	c.1800
P566/3/4/37	Account Captain George Swanson for his house possessed by Alexander Davidson to Donald Sutherland, wright (1 item)	c.1800
P566/3/4/38	Account George Swanson to Donald Sutherland for wright work (1 item)	c.1800
P566/3/4/39	Account Captain Swanson of Gerston to Donald Sutherland for work done in 1801 (1 item)	1801
P566/3/4/40	Account Captain George Swanson, Gerston, to Jesper Comming in Weydale (1 item)	2 Dec 1802
P566/3/4/41	Account Capt. George Swanson of Gerston to Alex [Paterson] (1 item)	1802
P566/3/4/42	Account Capt. Swanson to [P. Leith] (1 item)	1803
P566/3/4/43	Account Captain George Swanson to Alexander Munro for work undertaken on his house possessed by Alexander Davidson. Fragile (1 item)	1803
P566/3/4/44	Account George Swanson of Gerston to Peter Swany, Thurso for horse saddles and tack (1 item)	18 Jul 1805
P566/3/4/45	Account Capt. Swanson of Gerston to Alex Bain, Painter (1 item)	1805

P566/3/4/46	Account Capt. George Swanson to Donald Robeson for legal expenses (1 item)	1806
P566/3/4/47	Account Capt. Swanson to John Davidson for livestock and crops (1 item)	1806
P566/3/4/48	Various accounts between Capt. Swanson of Gerston and contractors including D. Swanson and Peter Leith for plastering and other building supplies (6 items)	1806
P566/3/4/49	Receipt for taxes and duties paid by Captain George Swanson of Gerston to John Davidson, Collector of Taxes (1 item)	1808
P566/3/4/50	Statement of debt owed by the late Captain Patrick Calder to George Swanson Esq. (1 item)	1808
P566/3/4/51	Receipt for rent paid to Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster by Captain Swanson of Gerston (1 item)	1809
P566/3/4/52	Discharge by Charles Swanson in favour of George Swanson Esq. (1 item)	6 Mar 1811
P566/3/4/53	Order to pay the sum of ten pounds one shilling and sixpence sterling money borrowed from John Swanson to John Gilbertson, Farmer in parish of Orlrig (1 item)	4 Aug 1812
P566/3/4/54	Account Capt. George Swanson to William Bain, Mason, for building work and materials (1 item)	Apr 1813
P566/3/4/55	Notebook containing the expenses incurred by John Calder Swanson while living in London (1 volume)	1 Aug 1813 – 31 Dec 1813
P566/3/4/56	Bill sent to James Calder, Wick, by Leith Flint Glass Company for glassware (1 item)	31 May 1820
P566/3/4/57	Account Captain George Swanson of Gerston to David Smith for meat and tallow (1 item)	1822-1824
P566/3/4/58	Receipt for payment of £35 from George Swanson to Margaret McBean for rent of property in Wick (2 items)	1823
P566/3/4/59	Statement discharging John Swanson of Leithhead's debt of £31 9s 4d to Captain George Swanson of Gerston (1 item)	11 Apr 1823
P566/3/4/60	Receipt for school fees for Alexander Davidson (1 item)	25 May 1824

P566/3/4/61	Receipt issued by Donald McBean, Schoolmaster of Thurso, to Captain Swanson of Gerston for his proportion of McBean's salary (4 items)	1825-1834
P566/3/4/62	Account showing Manse expenditure for Oct 1827 (1 item)	Oct 1827
P566/3/4/63	Account John Swanson to William Swanson for joinery (1 item)	1830
P566/3/4/64	Estimate for building work to John Swanson, Gerston, from William Polson, Alexander McBeath and Hugh Tulloch (1 item)	19 Feb 1833
P566/3/4/65	Request for payment of a share of the expenses for the Division of the Feuars' Lot of the Hill of Forss (1 item)	Oct 1835
P566/3/4/66	Valuation of the Dwelling house and offices on the Farm of Gerston (1 item)	1836
P566/3/4/67	Account John Swanson to George Dunnet for cloth, shoes, carpets and haberdashery (1 item)	1841
P566/3/4/68	Account John Swanson to William Denoon, Weaver (1 item)	20 Aug 1842
P566/3/4/69	Account John Swanson, Achavar to John Bain, Smith (1 item)	1842
P566/3/4/70	Receipt for twenty- five pounds paid by the Revd. George Davidson, Latheron, being the fourth instalment of his subscription to Scrabster Harbour Trust (1 item)	13 May 1847
P566/3/4/71	Receipt for payment of Captain George Swanson's feu duty tallow on his properties in Thurso (1 item)	8 Dec 1848
P566/3/4/72	Accounts from James C. Swanson, Gerston, Halkirk, to John Davidson for goods purchased (3 items)	1871-1872
P566/3/4/73	Receipts for payments of annuities made to John, Jane, and Christiana Swanson at Ham by Elizabeth Davidson in her position as executrix of James Calder Swanson's will (1 bundle)	26 Nov 1874-26 May 1876
P566/3/4/74	Account for unknown expenses of Captain Swanson signed by Captain John Henderson, Thurso (1 item)	n.d.
P566/3/4/75	Valuation rent of the parish of Halkirk (1 item)	n.d.

P566/3/4/76	List of money proportions for the manse of Halkirk (1 item)	n.d.
P566/3/4/77	Valued rent of the parish of Halkirk, calculated by Hugo Campbell, Clerk Depute to the Commissioners of Supply of Caithness. Includes proportions of manse money (1 item)	n.d.
P566/3/5	Various	1775-1902
P566/3/5/1	Card of "Civis Bibliothecae Academiae", University of Edinburgh, 1775-1776, for Georgius [George] Swanson (1 item)	1775-1776
P566/3/5/2	Minute of agreement from Thurso magistrates to reroute a road from Thurso High Street (1 item)	1 Mar 1799
P566/3/5/3	Measurement of stone dykes on the farm of Gerston (1 item)	Sep 1820
P566/3/5/4	Deposition of Sir John Sinclair in Smith and the Bank of Scotland (1 item)	28 Feb 1826
P566/3/5/5	Advertisement for a Caithness Agricultural Society livestock competition (1 item)	26 Jun 1831
P566/3/5/6	Lists of subscribers for building Dunnet Free Church Manse and gifting a clock to the minister Rev. D. Campbell (3 items)	1844-1845
P566/3/5/7	French exercise book belonging to E.M.A.J. Swanson, 16 Athol Crescent, Edinburgh (1 item)	7 May 1855
P566/3/5/8	Death notice, Mrs James C. Swanson, Gerston (2 items)	17 Aug 1857
P566/3/5/9	Pastel portrait of George Swanson by A. Johnston (1 item)	1874
P566/3/5/10	Death notice, James Calder Swanson, Gerston (1 item)	18 May 1874
P566/3/5/11	Death notice, Jane Swanson, Ham, Dunnet (1 item)	15 Jun 1878
P566/3/5/12	Death notice, John Swanson, Ham, Dunnet (1 item)	30 Jul 1878
P566/3/5/13	Death notice, Christiana Swanson, Ham, Dunnet (1 item)	11 Nov 1882
P566/3/5/14	Notice to 'B' Depositors from The Australian Joint Stock Bank Ltd. (1 item)	6 May 1902

P566/3/5/15	Account of draining and ditching undertaken (location unknown) (1 item)	n.d.
P566/3/5/16	Framed silhouette portrait of James Calder Swanson (1 item)	c.1850
P566/3/5/17	Silhouette portrait of Mrs Swanson (Margaret Davidson) (1 item)	c.1850

P566/4 - Records of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

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RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: The Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles, Sir John Sinclair, Captain George Swanson

Administrative history: In 1794 Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster received Letters of Service to raise a regiment of Fencible Highlanders. The Regiment was originally called the Caithness Fencibles. But the counties of Bute and Caithness being united in sending alternately a member to represent them in Parliament, and the Prince of Wales having been pleased to grant permission that Rothsay, his chief title in Scotland, should be added, the battalion became the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles. The Regiment assembled at Inverness in October 1794 under Lt. Gen. Hector Munro. A second battalion was raised by Sir John Sinclair in 1795. They assembled at Forfar under Lt. Gen. Hamilton in May 1795.

George Swanson of Gerston was Captain of a Company of the First Battalion of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles, and Paymaster of the Regiment.

The battalions served in Ireland. By 1799 the Regiment consisted of 1000 men under the designation 'Caithness Highlanders.' The Regiment was disbanded in 1802.

The name *burgess* is usually deduced from the Saxon *burg*, signifying a village or fortified town. Consequently, a *burgess* was an inhabitant charged with the defence of the place in which he lived, and, in return for his military services, was entitled to certain privileges and immunities. From <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/newcastle-historical-account/pp652-655>

Custodial history:

Deposited by Hugh Davidson

RECORDS' CONTENT

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Military records including official orders and notices of appointments to military ranks, correspondence, and financial records

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P566/4	Records of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles	1792- c.2018

P566/4/1	Official orders and notices of appointments to military ranks	1792-1797
P566/4/1/1	Document admitting Captain George Swanson, Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles as a Burgess of Dundee (1 item)	7 May 1792
P566/4/1/2	Order to raise a Regiment of Fencible Men, sent to Sir John Sinclair, Colonel, with a copy sent to Lieutenant George Swanson (2 items)	7 Mar 1794
P566/4/1/3	Document appointing George Swanson Esq. to be Captain of a Company in the Regiment of Caithness-shire Local Militia (1 item)	7 May 1794
P566/4/1/4	Printed note stating 'Caithness Highlanders, Sir John Sinclair Colonel (for the service of Ireland only), bounty ten guineas, a Highland plaid to all spirited volunteers to be assembled in the month of August, God Save the King' (1 item)	c.1794
P566/4/1/5	Document appointing Alexander Grant Gent. an Ensign in the First Battalion of the Rothsay and Caithness Regiment of Fencible Infantry (1 item)	19 Dec 1794
P566/4/1/6	Parchment and wax sealed document admitting Captain George Swanson as a burgess and freeman of Forfar (1 item)	8 May 1795
P566/4/1/7	Parchment and wax sealed document admitting George Swanson as a burgess of Aberdeen (1 item)	29 Aug 1795
P566/4/1/8	Parchment document appointing George Swanson Esq. Captain of a Company of the First Battalion of the Rothsay and Caithness Regiment of Fencible Infantry (1 item)	25 Dec 1795
P566/4/1/9	Document appointing Sutherland Gent. an Ensign in the First Battalion of the Rothsay and Caithness Regiment of Fencible Infantry (1 item)	25 Dec 1795
P566/4/1/10	Parchment document admitting George Swanson a Burgess, Freeman and Guild Brother of Inverness (1 item)	27 Apr 1796
P566/4/1/11	Authorization to raise men for the 1 st Battalion Rothsay and Caithness Regiment of Fencible Men (2 items)	24 th Feb 1797
P566/4/2	Correspondence	1794-1799
P566/4/2/1	Letters from Sir John Sinclair to Captain George Swanson regarding the Rothsay and Caithness	6 Mar 1794-2 Jul 1821

	Fencibles. Also includes mention of building work in the new town of Thurso (1 bundle)	
P566/4/2/2	Correspondence between the War Office and George Swanson Esq. in his capacity as Paymaster of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles. Includes some accounts for the Regiment (1 bundle)	1795-1823
P566/4/2/3	Letters from the Adjutant General's Office concerning food allowances for the men (2 items)	20 Sep 1796-18 Oct 1796
P566/4/2/4	Various letters, memorandums and notes regarding the administration and operation of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles (1 bundle)	1796-1799
P566/4/2/5	Letter from Robert McKilligin, Sunderland, to Captain George Swanson, Battn. 8 th Fen. Infantry, regarding regimental matters and an assault case brought by the Yett's at Durham Assizes (1 item)	11 Dec 1798
P566/4/2/6	Letter from Robert McKilligin, Sunderland, to Captain George Swanson, Battn. 8 th Fen. Infantry, regarding payment of soldiers, recruitment, and the Yett's case (1 item)	21 Dec 1798
P566/4/2/7	Letter from Robert McKilligin to Captain Swanson regarding his expectation the regiment [1 st Battalion Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles] will be disbanded following an 'unfortunate affair' where a Lieutenant Yetts has accused five fellow officers of cowardice (1 item)	13 Jan 1799
P566/4/3	Financial Records	1798
P566/4/3/1	Militia or Fencibles Bond from Captain George Swanson, Paymaster to the 1st Battalion Rothsay and Caithness Regiment of Fencible Infantry to His Majesty (cancelled) (1 item)	12 Mar 1798
P566/4/3/2	Account Major Sinclair with Captain Swanson (1 item)	1798
P566/4/4	Various	2001-c.2018
P566/4/4/1	Copy of extracts from a file held at Wick Heritage Museum on the 'Swanson Silver Box'. The file includes information on the Sordale and Weydale Volunteers, Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles and the Swanson family (4 items)	Aug 2001

P566/4/4/2	Administrative history provided by Hugh Davidson: 'The Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles (Two battalions) 1794 and 1795'. Written by Hugh Davidson (2 items)	c.2018
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