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D123: Christie and Ferguson Solicitors' Records, 1835-1952

The firm Christie and Ferguson was the successor of the partnership Macdonald and Fraser (Ronald Macdonald and George Fraser), which in turn emerged from the practice of Alexander Macdonald, solicitor (1840 - 1899), who followed in the footsteps of his father, Harry Macdonald, writer.

The bulk of the records derive from Alexander Macdonald's practice from c.1873 to c.1900. Macdonald was factor to several estates during the 1880s, Skye's only lawyer for many years, a bank agent, the principal collector of rates and taxes, clerk to six school boards, member of seven parochial boards and Captain of the Portree Volunteers. In his later years he was joined in business by Ronald Macdonald (1866-1916), the son of a crofter from Glenhinisdale. Ronald studied law at Glasgow University and returned to Portree to work for Alexander Macdonald as a junior assistant, later rising to succeed the older Macdonald as solicitor and bank agent.

Accession	Reference
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KILMUIR ESTATE

Purchased in 1855 by Captain William Fraser from the Trustee of Lord Macdonald's estate. It comprised the whole of the parish of Kilmuir and part of the parish of Snizort. Fraser became a Major in c.1883 and Lieutenant-Colonel in c.1885.

Correspondence and Estate Papers

- 1 a 1854 - 1860, including letters from Captain William Fraser to his factor, Harry Macdonald; agreement between Archibald Stewart of Scuddiburgh and W. Fraser re surrender of lease, May 1856; report of the Rinchoinich Cattle Summing 1858; arrears of rent by tenants January 1859; report by Alexander Mackenzie, ground officer re the estate, March 1859.
- 1 b 1862 - 1872, including letters from Captain Fraser to his factor, Harry Macdonald; agreement between Hector Munro, Score and Widow Maclean, Penigown, Uig, February 1862; Obligations by tenants of Stenscholl, Peinchonich, Lot 2 Balgown, to remove January 1864; List of New Tenants, Steinscholl 1864; Note of Public Burdens affecting Estate 1865-66; List of Sums due to Labourers August 1868; Agreement between Hector Munro and William Fraser re inn to be erected at Uig, 1867; List of Tools given to Road Contractors; List of Arrears of Rent due by Tenants on the estate February

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- 1 c 1863 - 1865, including papers from Uig office of the estate; Lists of tenants who did and did not pay for the seed oats furnished by Fraser, 1863; List of sums paid by tenants for Warnings 1863; Rents of Balnacuich, 1865.
- 1 d 1867 - 1874, including receipts for dog licences; report re medical attendance on the poor in the parish of Snizort; Estate Warnings, 1873; Labourers' accounts, 1873; Rent collection, December 1873; Labourers' pay list, February 1874
- 1 e 1875 - 1876, including papers re repairs to Kilmuir Manse
- 1 f 1876 - 1880, including List of Allowances to Tenants for Improvements to Lands, 1877; Report on damage by flood, October 1877; Roup Roll of Wood saved from Uig Lodge in October 1877, sold by public auction at Uig, 13 November 1877; Papers re Alexander Macarthur, Engagement, 27 March 1879; Specification of repairs to be made on the Established Church at Steinscholl, 1880
- 1 g 1877, including "Intimation of a Pauper Lunatic"; Fishings and Shootings to Let; Prizes given by Captain Fraser; List of Workmen employed 11 - 18 December.
- 1 h 1877 - 1879, including draft Roup Roll of wood saved from Uig Lodge, October 1877 and sold by auction 1877; Specification for offices, Staffin, 1877; Specification of materials required for Uig Mill Wheel, 1879; Contracts for work on bridges; Boiler for Staffin Lodge.
- 1 i 1878, including correspondence re Parochial Board of Kilmuir - paupers, health, etc.
- 1 j 1879, including correspondence re Parochial Board of Kilmuir - paupers, health, etc.
- 1 k 1880, including account with John Mackenzie, architect, Isleornsay for various works on the estate, 1875 - 1878 [see:Plans, items 86 - 93 below].
- 1 l 1881, with original cover sheet "Ordinary letters 1881"
- 1 m 1881 - 1882, including List of Seed wanted for Staffin Garden; Specification of Kilmaluag Mill Repairs, 1881; Specification of Works to be executed in the repairing of the old Inn at Steinscholl, 1881; Account for work on Keeper's House, 1881; Offers re Kilvexter New Inn, 1882.
- 1 n 1882, including letters re Parochial Board affairs, especially paupers.

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- 1 o 1882, including repairs to Kensaleyre School; Report on the State of the Kilmuir Buildings in June 1882; Report on Roads in Uig and Vicinity, August 1882; Testimonials in favour of Mr. John Shaw Brown, C.E.; Report of works proposed to be done on the Kilmuir Manse, June 1882; Specification of Repairs to be done to the Kilmaluag Mill, August 1882; Report on the State of Staffin House, April, 1882; Report on damage done by the great spate of 6 July 1882, and proposed repairs
- 1 p 1883, including several items from Parochial Inspector re paupers
- 1 q 1883 - 1884 (original cover sheet: "Miscellaneous Documents"), including Statement of slates distributed; Specification of repairs to be made on the Kilmuir Manse, August 1883; papers re "Kilmuir Rabbits", February 1884.
- 1 r 1883 - 1886, including papers re costs etc of various fences; List of Town officers December 1885.
- 1 s 1884, including items from Local Manager and from Parochial Inspector.
- 1 t 1884, including letters from John Mackenzie, Local Manager, Uig re repairs to various houses (of tenants?), schoolhouses, churches, fences, public roads; coal supply; control of vermin.
- 1 u 1885, including Staffin House Inventory made up for arrival of shooting tenant and things wanted; letter from Howden & Co., Nursery and Seedsmen, Inverness re accounts.
- 1 v 1886, including papers re Parochial Board's provision for the poor.
- 1 w 1887, including List of Tenants to be summoned, September 1887; several items re Parochial Board of Kilmuir.

William Fraser's Private Letters

- 2 a "Year 1872-73, 74-75-76" (original cover sheet)
- 2 b To Alexander Macdonald, Factor, 1877
- 2 c To Alexander Macdonald, Factor, 1878 - 1879
- 2 d To Alexander Macdonald, Factor, 1881
- 2 e To Alexander Macdonald, Factor, 1882, including comments on discontent among crofters at Glenhinistie, 5 and 6 April, 1882, re rents.
- 2 f To Alexander Macdonald, Factor, 1883

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- 2 g From Major Fraser to Alexander Macdonald, Factor, 1884, including letter of 21 January with comments on and advice re press cutting from Daily Free Press 31 December, 1883: "Extraordinary Statements by Kilmuir Crofters" re meeting of crofters at Steinscholl Free Church; letter of 5 February with comments on press cutting of 5 February 1884 "Portree. Major Fraser and his Tenants in Court"
- 2 h "Letters from Colonel William Fraser of Kilmuir 1885" (original cover sheet). Includes two statements of account from the National Bank, Portree, Nov 1884; notice to be pinned up in Uig, Dec 1885, offering tenants leases in return for payment of rent. Dec 1885 – correspondence mentioning diatomite.
- 2 i "Private letters of Colonel Fraser of Kilmuir 24.5.1886 - 21.2.1887" (original cover sheet) including letters re diatomite desposits (August and September 1886), and a few related items of correspondence [see also items 79 - 84 below].
- 2 j "Miscellaneous Letters found among Major Fraser's Private Letters and put up in February 1886" (original cover sheet), c.1860 - 1864. "Captain Fraser, Letters &c Undated" (original cover sheet). Bundle of unsorted correspondence, Captain Fraser, c.1864 - c.1867

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Account of Charge and Discharge, with disbursements, between William Fraser and Harry Macdonald, Writer, Portree, his Factor (to 1873), and Alexander Macdonald, Solicitor, Portree (from 1873)

- 3 a 1855 - 1857; 1860 - 1862; 1864 - 1866; 1865 - 1866; 1866 - 1868; 1867 - 1869; 1868 - 1870; 1869 - 1871; 1870 - 1872; 1872 - 1873. Most are draft accounts and include amounts due for rental on the estate; amounts paid out for, inter alia, wages and in general reflect the costs of running the Estate.
- 3 b 1874 - 1876; 1875 - 1877; 1876 - 1878; 1877 - 1878; 1878 - 1880; 1879 - 1881; 1880 - 1882; 1881 - 1883; 1883 - 1884; 1883 - 1885; 1883 - 1887.

Financial Papers, 1863 - 1887

- 4 a Kilmuir Estate Balance Sheet, February 1879; 1886-87; Kilmuir Factory Account Balance sheets 1884-85; Estate Balance of Charge 1872-73; 1884; 1884-86; Estate Balance of Discharge 1883; Kilmuir Balances 1880 - 1882; Estate and Factory Account, note of Vouchers Wanting, 1883 - 1886; Estate - Note of Overpayments 1864-65, 1872-73, 1880; Checking of Kilmuir Account 1865-67, 1878; Lands in the hands of Captain Fraser and charged against him, 1863-64, 1866, 1879; Postage Account 1883; List of Parties who quitted 1865; Agreement for Mealmore 1866-67; Arrangements as to Hill Pendicle of Tottescore 1865; List of Tenants who keep an overstock of horses, East Side District, 1862
- 4 b "Kilmuir Estate Accounts 1881-1883" (original cover sheet)
- 5 Insurance papers, Kilmuir and Staffin, 1869 - 1888, including Fire Policy, 1869.

Papers relating to Rentals and Tenancies

- 6 a Kilmuir Estate Scroll Cash Book 1880 - 1883; transactions include receipt of rentals and payment for works on the Estate.
- 6 b Kilmuir Estate Scroll Cash Book, 1883 - 1888.
- 6 c Kilmuir Rates Cash Book 1884-85
- 7 Assessment Roll 1884-85, 1885; 1883-86 (draft)
- 8 a Estate Rentals 1859 - 1872 (annual statements), including, for some years, lists of "Poor's Rates" payable by tenants.
- 8 b Estate Rentals 1872 - 1878

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- 8 c Estate Rentals 1878 - 1887, also showing School and Road Rates due by each tenant.
- 9 a Tenants' Rents Account Book, 1860 - 1864, indexed; giving details of half-yearly payments by each tenant.
- 9 b Collecting Rental of Kilmuir Estate from Martinmas 1875, ending Martinmas, 1879, indexed by Township, with full details of payments by each tenant.
- 10 a List of Arrears of Rent due by Tenants on the Estate, 1857 - 1879; (1869 - 1871 missing), annual lists showing farm, name of tenant, amount due.
- 10 b List of Arrears of Rent due by Tenants on the Estate, 1880 - 1887 (1885 missing).
- 11 List of Interest paid by tenants on past due rents, 1863 - 1885.
- 12 Letters of Security, Guarantees for Tenants in arrears with the rent; Lists of Tenants and Securities; related correspondence, 1880 - 1884.
- 13 a Papers re rent collection, 1882 - 1887, including petitions from tenants in arrears; rent collection notices.
- 13 b Rent collection: Warnings, Summons, 1862 - 1888, including List of Sequestered Parties 1862-65; Calling List of Summonses of Removing 1864; Notes/Lists of Warnings; Lists of Tenants to be Summoned, 1888.
- 14 "Summons in Small Debt Court, Portree, 1883, for Major William Fraser for rent arrears", printed forms, re various tenants.
- 15 Correspondence and agreements re tenancies on the Estate, 1872 - 1886, including list of flood damage, 1877.
- 16 Papers relating to the farm of Conan, including Valuations of Stock, 1873 - 1874.
- 17 Correspondence re Rha farm, 1886
- 18 Labourers' Accounts, November 1876 - May 1877; summary and individual statements.
- Estate Returns
- 19 Returns including area of Townships from 1876 plans and 1877 Ordnance Survey; Acreages and valuations of townships 1877; Souming Lists, n.d. (lists of stock in the townships).

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- 20 a Lists of corn, seed oats, potatoes supplied to tenants (and others) on the Estate, 1863 - 1870.
- 20 b List of corn and potatoes supplied to tenants on the Kilmuir Estate, 1869; volume, indexed by township with separate sections for Kilmuir Paupers and for Strangers.

Estate Returns (continued)

- 20 c Lists of corn and potatoes supplied to tenants on the estate, 1869, and who paid wholly or in part; Arrears of corn and potatoes, 1877; Lists of tenants supplied with oats 1878, 1883; Lists of tenants supplied with seed potatoes, n.d.; Lists of tenants supplied with seed potatoes, 1883; Records of oat seed given, 1878
- 20 d Lists of corn received from tenants, 1879; Tenants supplied with oats 1878 and unpaid 1882; Arrears of seed oats 1883, 1884; Lists of payments for corn, 1878, 1883, 1885; Lists of tenants summoned for corn, 1883; Lists of payments for potatoes, 1883; Lists of payments for corn and potatoes, 1878 - 1884
- 21 Lists of sheep smeared on Glenuig Farm, 1866; Lists of sheep dipped 1868; Lists of stock killed for lodge, 1866-67; Number of people employed at dipping; small volume.
- 22 List of Stock upon Glen Coman Farm, 1866 - 1869 (small volume)
- 23 Staffin Lodge, correspondence, inventories, agreements, 1873 - 1883, including correspondence and accounts re furniture and fittings for the Lodge; correspondence with agents and tenants, agreements for letting of Lodge, shootings and fishing; inventories of furniture in the Lodge, 1881 - 1882.

Court Actions

- 24 William Fraser against Neil Mackenzie, tenant, Skeabost, 1863; Petition for recovery of stock removed from lot 10, Kilvaxter.
- 25 Captain William Fraser against Dr. Donald Martin re building at Monkstadt, 1863-64; various legal documents and correspondence, including petition outlining the case, re Martin's failure to abide by conditions of lease to maintain buildings and property in tenantable condition.
- 26 Captain William Fraser against Archibald Cameron, 1865, re occupation of ground adjoining schoolhouse by Cameron (Schoolmaster, Stenscholl); legal documents and correspondence.

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- 27 Lieutenant Colonel William Fraser against Donald Ross, merchant and farmer, Rha, Uig, 1886 - 1887; legal documents re payment of debt.
- 28 Lieutenant Colonel William Fraser against Malcolm Macleod, Glenhinisdale, 1887, for recovery of debt; petition; names on body of document: John and Malcolm Stewart, Valtos.
- 29 Captain William Fraser against Rev. Alexander Macdonald, 1828 - 1877, re occupation by the minister of farm and grazings adjacent to the glebe of Kilmuir (parish Stenscholl, lots 13 and 14, Garrafadd and adjacent grazings) and Fraser's attempt/wish to remove him therefrom; correspondence, legal documents. Included: details of similar case of Lord Glenelg, Waternish Estate (Hallin Parliamentary Church); Conveyance, Declaration and Obligation by Lord Macdonald in favour of the Commissioners for Highland Churches, with Inventory, Stenscholl, 1828, enclosing sketch of the site of the church and manse at Stenscholl with ground attached, 1828.

Cases of Crofters' Agitation on the Estate

- 30 Papers re agitation by crofters at Valtos, 1881 - 1882, including report by Ewen Campbell to A.Macdonald, 1 April 1881 with his list of Valtos stock; newspaper cuttings (local and national, including copy of Oban Times, 14th May 1881), correspondence; dispute centered on stock summing list, Valtos.
- 31 Papers relating to agitation by crofters at Staffin/Garrafadd, 1884-1885, including report by John Mackenzie of 18th November 1884 re expedition by marines, police, sheriff and fiscal; correspondence; list of witnesses for the "Garrafadd Interdict"; bundle of papers with original cover sheet "Knocking down of Garrafadd Dyke, 1884- 85", including informative reports by John Mackenzie.
- 32 Correspondence relating to "Skye deforcements" and proposed evictions, 1884, including copies of correspondence between Major Fraser and the Lord Advocate, especially re unrest in Eastside and Husabost and non-payment of rents; list of tenants at Garafadd on whom interdict to be served.
- 33 Copies of letter sent to Town Officers of Townships on Kilmuir Estate, 16th December 1885, giving non-rent paying tenants a last chance to pay rent, otherwise action will be taken by proprietor.
- 34 Copies of "Notice of Termination of Lease or Tenancy and to remove.." by Major William Fraser, against Estate Tenants, each copy with tenant's name and address, 13th November, 1885.
- 35 Notice of Assessment for the Year 1885-1886, Parish of Kilmuir and Steinscholl

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School District, to each tenant, each in stamped envelope marked "Refused by addressee".

36 a Correspondence, mostly from John Mackenzie, Local Estate Manager, Uig, 1883 - 1884, including items re "Land Agitation", "Deforcement of Sheriff Officer at Eastside", meetings of Land League.

36 b Correspondence, mostly from John Mackenzie, Local Estate Manager, Uig, 1885, including items re unrest at Staffin and dispute over distribution of Breadalbane Relief Fund, together with routine Estate management.

Cases of Crofters' Agitation on the Estate (continued)

36 c Correspondence, mostly from John Mackenzie, Local Estate Manager, Uig, 1886 - 1888, including items re agitation deforcement, poaching, trespass; settlement with tenants (20th November 1886); routine Estate management, Staffin.

37 Copies of printed statement by Lieutenant Colonel Fraser for The Crofters Commission, 20th April 1887; printed copies of letter to The Times from Fraser, 27th January 1886.

GLENDALE, COLBOST AND SKINIDIN ESTATES, ISLE OF SKYE

38 Papers re division of Glendale Estate 1809 - 1858, including copies of correspondence re details of the estate in 1809, and descriptions of the divisions of the estate; Plan of the Estate of Glendale, parish of Durinish, 1849, showing boundaries of arable and pasture lands in each township, individual buildings and area of land in dispute.

Financial records

39 Account of Charge and Discharge of the General Intromissions of John Smith, Advocate and Accountant, as Trustee of Macleod's Estate with fee simple lands of Gristernish and Glendale, 1848 - 1852 (four annual returns).

40 Account of Charge and Discharge twixt the Heritable Creditors on the Estate of Glendale and Harry Macdonald, Writer, Portree, their Factor, and Disbursements, 1853 - 1858 (five annual returns).

41 Account of Charge and Discharge between John Macpherson Macleod of St Kilda and Harry Macdonald, Writer, Portree, his Factor on the Estate of Glendale, with disbursements, 1861 - 1863 (two annual returns).

42 Account of Charge and Discharge between John Macpherson Macleod of St

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Kilda for the Estate of Skinidin and Colbost, and Harry Macdonald, Writer, Portree his Factor, with disbursements, 1859-60, 1862-63.

- 43 Factor's Cash Book, Glendale, Skinidin and Colbost Estates, 1873 - 1881; Estate of Glendale, Cash Sheet, 1903 - 1904.
- 44 Rental of Estate of Glendale, 1854 - 1855, 1855, 1859-60, with details of farms, tenants, amounts due.

Correspondence

- 45 Estates papers, 1847 - 1884, including papers re payment of rents.
- 46 Correspondence from Nicol Martin, Glendale to A. Macdonald, May - June 1884, re crofters' agitation, and deputation to Lord Advocate.

ESTATE OF SKEABOST AND BERNISDALE, ISLE OF SKYE

Correspondence and Estate Papers

- 47 a 1875 - 1885, including bundle with cover sheet "Miscellaneous letters 1876-83"; petition from tenants to Lachlan Macdonald re Donald Beaton, 1880; Arrears of Rent, 1883; letters, petition, summons of removal re various tenants
- 47 b 1886 - 1888, including Arrears of Rent, Warnings; Agreements between Lachlan Macdonald and Angus Beaton, Manager; Bernisdale rentals 1887

Financial records

- 48 a Skeabost Estate Cash Book, 1875 - 1879
- 48 b Skeabost Estate Scroll Cash Book, 1880 - 1888
- 49 Account of Charge and Discharge Twixt Lachlan Macdonald of Skeabost and Bernisdale and Alexander Macdonald, Solicitor, Portree, his Factor, for the years to 31st December 1875 - 1887, with receipts and disbursements for most years
- 50 Alexander Macdonald, Esq. Portree o/a Lachlan Macdonald Esq. of Skeabost in account with the National Bank of Scotland, Portree Branch, Ledger of Account, 1878 - 1879

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Papers relating to Rentals and Tenancies

- 51 Rental Lists, "Collecting Rental, Estate of Skeabost, Commencing Martinmas 1875, Ending [Nov. 1878]" Rental of the Estate of Skeabost, 1882; Rental of the Estate of Skeabost and Bernisdale 1881 - 1887 (five returns); Rental of the Estate of Skeabost and Bernisdale at Martinmas 1886 according to new valuation
- 52 Note of Arrears of rent due by tenants on the Estate of Skeabost, 1876 - 1884; 1887
- 53 Summons of Removing against various tenants, 1882 - 1884
- 54 Papers relating to ejection of Margaret Nicolson, 1877
- 55 Correspondence relating to rentals, 1886 - 1887

STRATHAIRD ESTATE, ISLE OF SKYE

Estate Correspondence

- 56 a 1855 - 1877, including Rental List 1855; Alexander Macalister of Strathaird's accounts with Ranken, W.S.; Valuation List of Moveable Articles at Glasnakille necessary for the house, June 1870; letter from Elgol March 1877 re selling of whisky.

Estate Correspondence (continued)

- 56 b 1878 - 1882, including items re works on Glasnakille House (tenanted)
- 56 c 1883 - 1886, including "Strathaird Disentail 1883" (original cover); sample of Caithness oats; List of postages and telegrams disbursed by Factor, March 1883 - May 1884; correspondence between proprietor Alexander Macalister and Factor re sale of Strathaird to William Mackinnon.
- 56 d 1883 - 1898, including copy of 1889 of "Contents of Estate of Strathaird" as surveyed in 1793 (with details of acreages of townships in various categories of land); "Particulars of the Estate, 1893" (printed notices re sale); items re Camusary lease, valuation; Notice of Burdens on the Estate, 1884.
- 56 e 1887, including letter from Macalister, 18 July, re Crofters Bill
- 56 f 1888, January - July, including "Sheep Stocktaking May and June 1888"; letters indicating that Estate changed hands during this period to William Mackinnon.

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- 56 g 1888, August - December, including items re Estate shootings, wool sales, Estate management
- 56 h 1889, including Report on Camusunory House by John Mackenzie, Architect, Portree
- 56 i 1890, January - June, including Rates Assessment Notice for Strathaird; correspondence from local Ground Officer, Gardener, Housekeeper; Notice of wool sold at Leith; letter from Howden & Co., Inverness re appointment of gardener.
- 56 j 1891, including receipts for rabbits from the Estate; sale of wool from the Estate; payment of Parish Medical Officer.
- 56 k 1892, including items re letting of farm at Camusunory; wool sales
- 56 l 1893; 1897 - 1898, including Inventory of effects &c at Strathaird, Skye belonging to the deceased Sir William Mackinnon Bart., 10th July 1893; Sale of furniture; items re management of the Estate pending change of ownership.
- 57 "Sir William's Letters from 17 Jany 1889 to 20 May 1891" (original cover sheet); including detailed comments by Sir William on management of the Estate.

Financial Records

- 58 Papers relating to accounts, rental, 1880 - 1886, including Lists of arrears of rent, 1880 - 1882, 1884; items re distribution of seed oats and potatoes; Elgol tenants; shooting rents; Public burdens on the Estate, 1885.
- 59 Receipts, 1889 - 1890, various tradesmen and suppliers, including items re Elgol road and R. I. Gibson, Broadford.

Financial Records, (continued)

- 60 List of Workmen Landing Stuff from Steamer, Coal and Rails, 21 June, 13 October and 26 December 1889; Time and Pay Bills of workmen employed at excavations, Kilmarie Lodge for the months July 1889 - January 1890; Receipts by Strathaird workmen, 1889 - 1890; Time and Pay Bill of workmen employed on the Elgol road for the months July - December 1889
- 61 Account of Charge and Discharge between A. Macalister Esq. of Strathaird and Alexander Macdonald, Solicitor, Portree his Factor, 1879 - 1880; 1887 - 1888, with disbursements

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- 62 Account of Charge and Discharge between Sir William Mackinnon, Bart. and Alexander Macdonald, Solicitor, Portree his Factor, 1888 - 1889, 1889 - 1890 (duplicates for both years), with disbursements; Report by Messrs F.I. Moncrieff Horsburgh, C.A. Edinburgh on the Accounts of Alexander Macdonald, Solicitor, Portree as Factor on the Strathaird Estate belonging to Sir William Mackinnon, Bart., July 1889 - March 1890

Rental Records

- 63 a Collecting Rental Book, 1875 - 1884, with details for each tenant in township and tenancy.
- 63 b Collecting Rental Book, 1886 - 1897, for each township and tenance, with details of Souming Regulations in Skye, 1889
- 63 c Rental Book, 1903 - 1947, for each township and tenancy, including several items of correspondence.
- 64 Cash Book, W.L. Johnson Esqr of Strathaird, March 1917 - February 1952, showing receipts from individual tenants; expenses, including County Assessments.

MACLEOD ESTATE

- 65 Lease between John Macleod of Rasay and Martin Martin, Snizort, October, 1839
- 66 Notices of Warning, Removings due, and related correspondence, 1866 - 1875; also items re tenancy of Sligachan Inn.
- 67 Lists of Arrears of Rent, 1876 - 1880

MACDONALD ESTATE

- 68 Various papers, 1850 - 1887, including Lists of Warnings; Notes of Summonses of Removing; Lease with Martin Martin re Mugstadt (?), June 1850; Minute of Reference with John Mackinnon, Broadford, 1887; correspondence re breaking down of Scorrybreck dyke, 1884

RAASAY ESTATE

- 69 List of Warnings, 1866; Rental Lists, 1854 - 1855

LYNDALE AND TREASLANE ESTATE

- 70 Lists of Warnings and related correspondence, 1855 - 1874; extract from

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Valuation Roll, 1855

WATERNISH ESTATE

71 Summons of Removing and related correspondence, 1874

MISCELLANEOUS ESTATE PAPERS

72 Properties in Portree, copy of valuation, 1855

73 Correspondence re crofters' agitation, 1884 - 1889, including items re landlords' opposition: drafts of Representation and Remonstrances of Landed Proprietors in the Isle of Skye to Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, 1886; "Notes about Skye agitation", correspondence from proprietors; Return re rentals of various Estates in the "Western Isles" [includes Skye], 1883 - 1887; circular letter to proprietors re meeting re waiving of crofters' rents, 21 July 1887; details of various estates; "Lord Macdonald's offers to his Crofters", n.d.; printed letter from Lord Macdonald "Private and Confidential", 6 February, 1888, re implications of Crofters Act, possible deputation to Secretary for Scotland.

SKYE FARMING SOCIETY

Harry Macdonald was a member of the Society in 1866. Alexander Macdonald was Secretary from at least 1870. The Society was apparently in existence before 1863.

74 Minute Book, October 1863 - September 1878

SKYE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The opening entry in item 75 (below) states: "At a meeting held on the steamer on returning from the Inverness Wool Market on Saturday 11th July, 1903, it was decided to form a Skye Agricultural Society." George Fraser, Solicitor, was involved with the Society from its early days.

75 Minute Book, July 1903 - January 1919. Foundation members are listed on the opening page.

76 Ledger, July 1903 - September 1917

77 Entries for Show, 1903 - 1906, with names of entrants for each contest and recipients of prizes (in some cases)

78 Miscellaneous papers, 1912 - 1919, including correspondence, mainly with the Board of Agriculture

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BRITISH DIATOMITE COMPANY

(Operations based on a site within Kilmuir Estate, Isle of Skye)

- 79 Letter Book, January 1902 - April, 1904, indexed alphabetically. Separately, at the back of the volume: invoices, June 1901 - March, 1904.
- 80 Cash Book, May 1900 - December 1906
- 81 Time and Pay Book, August 1902 - April 1904, showing names of workers, places of residence, hours worked, rate of pay, total pay.
- 82 "Receipts and Charge Vouchers 25.9.1901 - 5.6.1905" (original cover), relating to works carried out, carriage, labour, etc.
- 83 Financial Papers, 1901 - 1906, including List of outstanding accounts and related correspondence, 1904; "The Supply of Iron and Steel Alloys and a Leading British Source", booklet re G.G. Blackwell & Sons Ltd.; copies of extracts from Cash Book, 1901; cheques drawn on The National Bank of Scotland Limited, Portree, 1902 - 1903; Account Book with The National Bank for British Diatomite Co., November 1901 - July 1906.
- 84 Leases, Agreements and other papers, 1900 - 1904, including Sub-Lease by Trustees and Executors of late Alexander Macdonald in favour of the British Diatomite Co. Ltd., with plans of location of the diatomite mine; agreements and other legal documents between Alexander Macdonald and the company re diatomite deposits; correspondence; guarantees; Memorandum and Articles of Association of the British Diatomite Co. Ltd; Statement of Accounts 1901; "Diatomite and Its Uses", leaflet, British Diatomite Co. Ltd.

PLANS

- 85 Extract from Ordnance Survey 6 inches/1 mile sheet, 1904, showing Kilmaluag Township Road, Skye [Kilmuir Estate]
- 86 a Farm Buildings, Skirnish, Skye, 1873; five sheets, originals and copies, showing additions, repairs and alterations, with block and ground plans; John Mackenzie, Architect, Portree.
- 86 b Skirinish Farm House, Proposed Alterations, 1894; Alterations 1895; seven sheets, originals, showing elevations, floor plans, sections; Milk House and Sleeping Place; note re general specifications
- 87 Dwelling House at Portree Pier, for A. Macdonald, Solicitor, 1879; three sheets, originals on linen, showing floor plans, ground plan and elevations; John Mackenzie, Architect, Portree.

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PLANS (continued)

- 88 House and Shop for F. Murchison, Portree, 1878; two sheets (draft and final, originals), showing plans and elevations.
- 89 House and Store, Isleornsay, 1884; General Stores, Isleornsay, 1892; Isleornsay Stores, 1902; six sheets, originals, showing plans, elevations, sections (1884); Alterations (1892); Proposed Waiting Rooms and Quotation for Works (1902).
- 90 Office at Struan Inn, 1879, original; elevations and section plan of stable, coach house, byre, root house; John Mackenzie, Architect, Portree.
- 91 Cottages at the Portree Wool Mill, 1889; floor plans, section, elevation; John Mackenzie, Architect, Portree.
- 92 House and Shop at Portree for Mr. Daniel Fraser, Painter, 1892; five sheets, originals, showing floor plans, elevations, sections; Specification (two copies); John Mackenzie, Architect, Portree.
- 93 Shop and Workshops in Quay Brae, Portree, for Mr. D. Stewart, Merchant, 1896; floor plans, elevations, section; John Mackenzie, Architect, Portree.
- 94 House and Shop at Portree, 1892; three sheets, originals, showing elevations and plans.
- 95 Inn at Kilmaluag, 1893; original, showing elevations, section, floor plans.

DONALD MACDONALD OF TORMORE, ISLE OF SKYE

- 96 Correspondence re extension of postal service between Broadford and Isleornsay and Ardvarser, Skye, 1878 - 1881, and dispute between the General Post Office, Lord Macdonald and Mr. Macdonald, about liability for costs incurred.
- 97 Correspondence re Lyndale Estate, Skye, 1882 - 1901, including Valuation, 1882; items re its sale, 1885 (for which Alexander Macdonald was one of the appointed agents and in which Donald Macdonald was involved, apparently re the tenancy of a farm and the shootings); Particulars of the Estate for sale, 1890; items indicating Donald Macdonald was owner of the Estate by November 1891; Particulars of the Estate, for sale by Donald Macdonald (via, inter alia, Alexander Macdonald), 1899; correspondence with Lord Napier of Magdala re sale of Lyndale, its value and the expenditure thereon.
- 98 Correspondence from Colonel and Mrs Napier, c.1887 - 1889 (apparently old

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friends) from various addresses, re property on Skye, Macdonald's sale of Lyndale, property at Knock (Sleat, Isle of Skye).

99 Receipted invoices, Donald Macdonald, Tormore Lodge, Lyndale, 1904 - 1906.

Highland Mexican Land and Livestock Company Limited

(Macdonald was a Director by 1888 and until at least 1907. Alexander Macdonald may have acted locally on Donald Macdonald's behalf.)

100 Annual Reports, 1884 (first) - 1905, (some years missing); other related papers, 1884 - c.1896, including plan of property in Mexico.

101 Correspondence re Macdonald's Directorship, 1883 - 1907, including reports on the Mexican property by J.P. Lawson and R. Bruce, 1883; later reports on the company; letters re his investments; items re sale of the Mexican property.

TREASLANE ESTATE

(Owned by Alexander Macdonald)

Rental Ledger

102 a 1876 - 1890, indexed; for crofting tenants and residential and commercial properties in Portree; includes general Estate Cash Book, and several items of correspondence re tenancies and rentals.

102 b 1889 - 1909, for crofting, residential and commercial tenants, with several items of correspondence; also details of share transactions in various companies.

102 c 1899 - 1946, with index for early years, for crofting tenants, with several items of correspondence.

103 Cash Book, December 1889 - December 1900, mainly rentals and share dividend receipts.

EIGG ESTATE

104 Cash Book, 1897 - 1898, with index; including Labourers' Ledger; Cash Account; Accounts for Coal, Travelling expenses, Roads, Drainers, Fencers, Gamekeeper; also for the Isle of Muck.

DUISDALE ESTATE

105 Cash Book, October 1929 - June, 1933

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TRUSTEES OF SIR DONALD CURRIE, SCALPAY

106 Cash Book, December 1924 - March 1926

TESTAMENTARY TRUST OF THE LATE MR. HARRY MACDONALD OF VIEWFIELD

107 Cash Book, May 1905 - February 1940, including copy Extract Registered Contract of Marriage between James Wyndham Alleyne Grieve and Miss Ishabel Macleod Macdonald (daughter of Harry Macdonald), 1910.

J. URQUHART'S TRUST

(John Urquhart of Uig, Isle of Skye)

108 Cash Book, 1910 - 1953

MISS C. A. URQUHART

(of Laurel Bank, Uig, Isle of Skye)

109 Cash Book, 1907 - 1952, re Conon Farm, but mainly re her investments.

ALEXANDER MACDONALD, SOLICITOR, PORTREE

110 Private Cash Book, January 1880 - September 1899

MACKINNON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Cash Book

111 a No. 1, May 1888 - August 1932, including names of early subscribers; constitution of the Rev. Dr. Donald Mackinnon Memorial Hospital, Broadford, Isle of Skye, n.d., printed sheet.

111 b No. 2, August 1932 - January 1949, including detailed statements of donations received and collected.

112 Correspondence, circulars, certificates re investments by the Hospital Trust, 1905 - 1937.

113 Correspondence and legal documents re bequests to the Hospital Trust, 1930 - 1938.

114 Insurance Policies with Royal Insurance Co. Ltd., and related correspondence, 1914 -1934; policies for various risks, including insurance of X-Ray apparatus.

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- 115 Abstracts of Death Certificates, 1933 - 1946 (Hector Maclean, Clergyman; David James Tweedie, Solicitor; George Donald Valentine, Sheriff-Substitute (retired); Kenneth Ross, Clergyman; Duncan Mackenzie, Clergyman; William Ross Garson (Sheriff-Substitute).

8th INVERNESS-SHIRE HIGHLAND RIFLE VOLUNTEERS, PORTREE COMPANY

- 116 "Various documents & papers about the formation of the Company 1867" (original cover sheet), including Oath of Allegiance taken by Officers and Men, with signatures, 1867 - 1872; Roll of Members of proposed Rifle Volunteer Co., signed at Portree, 1867 (72 names); Report on Rifle Range for 8th I.H.R.V. by Adjutant Fraser, 1867; List of parties to whom circulars were sent for subscriptions, 1867; List of Raasay Men, 1867; Estimate of Cost, 1867; List of Men enrolled and officers and non-commissioned officers elected 1867; various Attendance lists; measurements for uniforms; Proposed Rules and Regulations, approved 1868.

Correspondence

- 117 1870 - 1879, including invitations and acceptances for Volunteers' dinner.
- 118 "Papers & letters connected with Edinburgh Royal Review 1881" (original cover sheet), including circulars re subscriptions to help Volunteers to defray costs; page from The Edinburgh Courant, 15 August 1881, with press report of Review; Battallion Orders for the Review.
- 119 "Resignation of 2 Sergeants and 32 men in 1886. Papers connected with resignations and withdrawals" (original cover sheet), including copy of letter of resignation with signatories [because of "the present millitary proceedings in Skye"], signed notes withdrawing resignations; letter of resignation, 1879 (13 names).
- 120 "Letters about uniforms in 1881" (original cover sheet), including correspondence on the subject 1878 - 1879; catalogues, samples, accounts; List of Tenders for Uniforms, 1881.

Returns

- 121 Annual Returns, 1870 - 1873, showing numbers enrolled and arms in possession.
- 122 Nominal Roll, 1867 - 1873 (1868, 1869 missing), giving name, rank, parish, date of enrolment; together with similar returns of men enrolled.
- 123 Musketry Drill and Practice Return, 1869 - 1873

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- 124 Register of Target Practice, 1872 - 1873
- 125 Miscellaneous returns and related correspondence; Delivery and Receipts Vouchers; Rifle Competition results, 1867 - c.1873.

Accounts

- 126 Invoices, statements, receipts and related papers, 1867 - 1877, including Statement of Expenditure by the Portree Corps, 1873 - 1877; State of the Intromissions of Lieut. Alex Martin, Secretary, with the funds of the the Corps, 1867 - 1868.

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Miscellaneous

- 127 Quarter Master's Arms and Ammunition W.O. Book, 1868 - 1872, showing Arms, etc. received by the Corps.
- 128 Circulars, catalogues connected with music (as originally bundled), re sheet music and instruments, c.1868 - c.1873.
- 129 National Rifle Association, circulars, notices of meetings and competitions, 1868 - 1897.
- 130 The Highland Rifle Association, Competition Programme; Proceedings, 1868 - 1871.
- 131 Assorted circulars, including Inverness-shire Highland Rifle Volunteers, Notices of Competition, 1868 - 1869; papers from West Scotland Rifle Association, 1877; Infantry Sword Exercise, 1862 (booklet); North of Scotland Tactical Society, programme, 1886-87; price lists and advertisements.
- 132 "Portree Volunteers Uniforms 1867" (original cover sheet), samples of tartans and cloth.

PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE

- 133 Alexander Macdonald, Solicitor, Portree, correspondence re Prince Charles' gun, August 1887 - October 1895, including letters from Macdonald to Dr. A. Paterson, Fernfield, Bridge of Allan seeking return of the gun to Macdonald's mother, its owner; replies from Paterson, refusing to negotiate; letters from Messrs Peat & Wardlaw, Solicitors and N.P., Bridge of Allan who sought to act on behalf of the Macdonald family (to no apparent avail).

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- 134 Letters from R. (Roderick ?) Macdonald to Messrs Angus & Murdoch McLeod, Merchants, Portree and to his mother, Mrs. Lillas Macdonald, c/- Messrs McLeod, from Calcutta, India, May 1835 - June 1836.
- 135 Letter from Christian Macdonald, 39 Ann Street, March 1837, to Mr. Angus Macleod, late Merchant, Portree, referring to Roderick Macdonald.
- 136 Will and Codicils (copy) of Lilly Macdonald, 1838 - 1840 (four codicils). (Harry Macdonald, Writer, Portree was one of the witnesses.)