

The Angel's Share: Stirling Council Archive's holdings.

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What are Archives?

- the precious small percentage of all records produced considered worthy of long term preservation
- records created by clubs, societies, businesses, schools, councils, private individuals, estates, families...
- archives are determined by their information value - *not* their age or format!



(Charter of William, Steward of Scotland c.1326)



Evidential & information value

- Illustrate how organisations function
- Demonstrate and confirm decisions and actions
- Archives provide public accountability

Historical Value

- Written memory of organisations & individuals who create them
- Provide a framework for our understanding of the past
- 'community heritage chest'



Stirling Council Archives

- Central Region Archives 1975 – Old High School, Stirling
- 1989 Moved to Burghmuir Industrial Estate
- 1996 Reorganisation
 - Stirling Council Archives
 - Falkirk Archives
 - Clackmannanshire Archives
- 2005 Moved to Springkerse



Core Holdings: Council Records

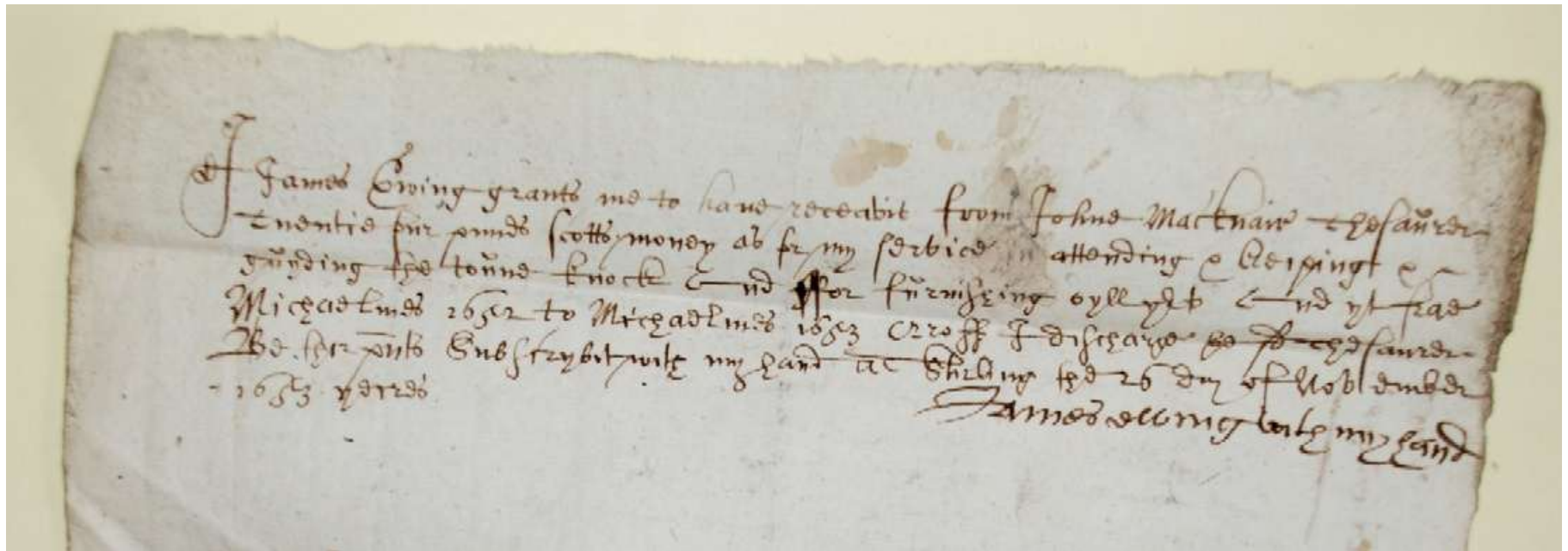
•Stirling Burgh

- Services of Heirs, Burgh register of Probative Writs
- Sasines
- Council Minutes
- Burgh Court Books
- Dean of Guild
- Guildry
- charters
- Protocol books
- Church Records
- Maps & Plans
- Education Records
- Clubs and Societies
- Photographs.....



Burgh Accounts and Financial Papers, B66/25/520, 26 Nov.1653

'Discharge by James Ewing to John Macknair, treasurer, for 1. £24 Scots for 'attending and keiping and guyding the toune knock and for furnishing oyll therto' from Michaelmas 1652 to Michaelmas 1653, and 2. £4.12s Scots for 'going throw the toune with the bell tuentie thrie severall times for proclaiming the duties belonging to the toune' for same period at 4s. Each time 'the old ordinar price'.



I James Ewing grants me to have receabit from John Macknair Treasurer
 of the burgh of Stirling for money ab for my service in attending & keeping &
 guiding the toune knock and for furnishing oyll therto from Michaelmas
 1652 to Michaelmas 1653 cross I discharge so of James
 Macknair Substant with my hand at Stirling the 26 day of November
 1653 James Ewing



Services of Heirs

Card indexes available

1751 - 1796 B66/12/1-2,

25 Aug 1815 - 3 Oct 1845 B66/14/1-2.

B66/14/2, p330: Dec 1842

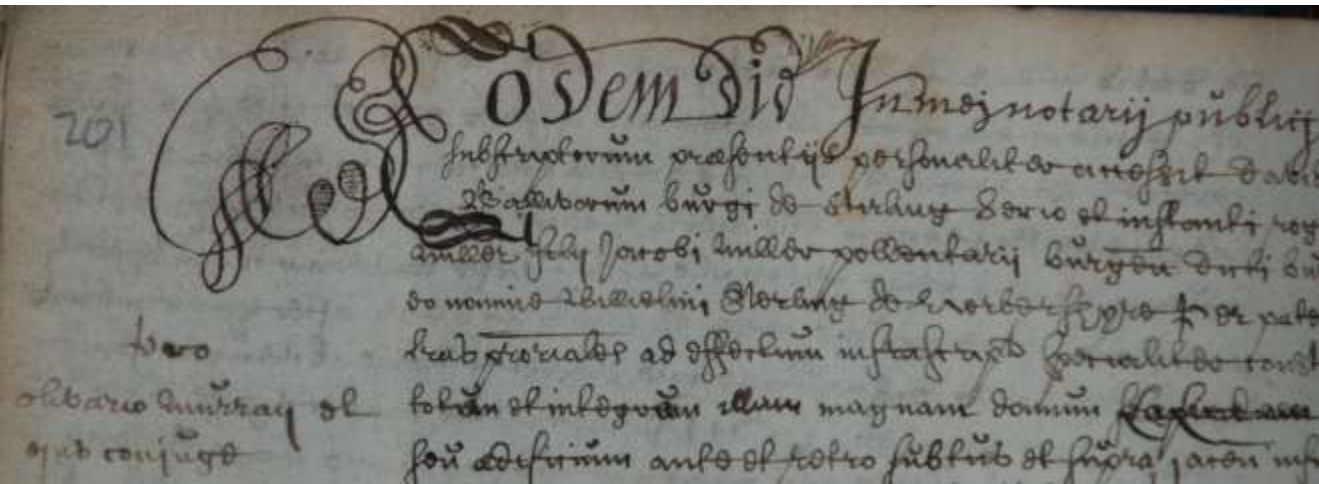
McKillop/Flyn/Munro/Benn

Mrs. Frances McKillop or Flyn, Carlton St., Edinburgh, one of the daughters of the now deceased William McKillop, writer in Stirling, and widow of Lieut. Col. John Flyn, formerly of Glasgow, and Miss Mary Mosely Munro, Stirling, and Mrs. Helen Munro or Benn, spouse of Lieut. Anthony Benn of the Royal Artillery, presently at Malta, only children of late Capt. William Munro of the Royal Artillery, who was only son of Mrs Helen McKillop or Munro, another of the daughters of the said deceased William McKillop, wife of now deceased Major Alexander Munro, sometime residing in Stirling, as heirs to deceased William McKillop, writer in Stirling, 2nd son of the said deceased William McKillop, their brother and Granduncle respectively...



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People and Places – Sasine Registers



Stirling Burgh 1674 - 1809

741 (No. 7) Jun. 3. 1908. 10—11.
 Lease by WILLIAM FORBES of Callendar—To John Edgar, Merchant, Denny, for 99 years from Martinmas 1876,—of 1 Rood 3 poles 5 yards of land, bounded on the south by the Public Road from Denny to Fintry, being part of the Estate of HERBERTSHIRE, in Parish of Denny,—reserving Minerals, Dated May 25 and Jul. 9, 1878; with Warrant of Registration thereon, on behalf of said Grantee. Presented by Don. Stewart, Register of Sasines.

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Abridgements

- Stirling County 1781 – Date
- Perth County 1869 - 1986





Electoral Registers

Stirling Burgh: 1913 - 1957, 1965-1973, 1991-1993, 1995-1996

[with gaps]

Stirling County:

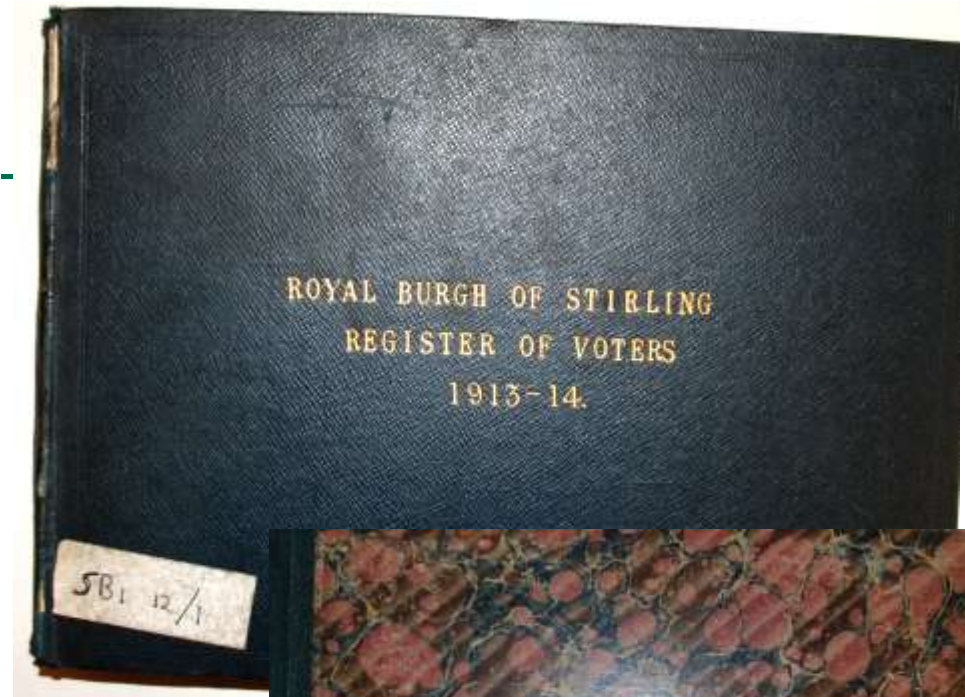
(West, East Stirlingshire)

1885-86, 1964-1973 [with gaps]

Perth County:

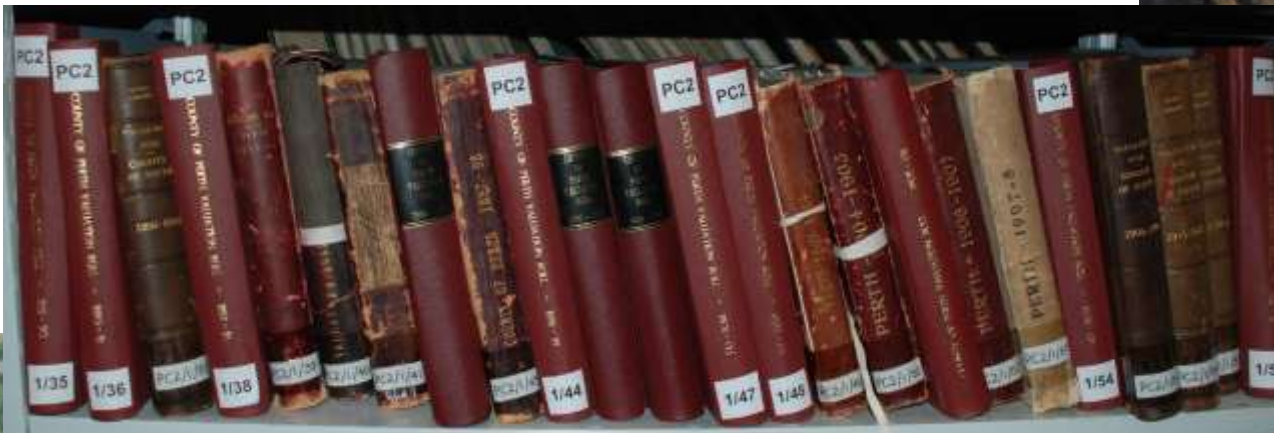
(Doune and Deanston)

1933, 1967, 1969-1972 [with gaps]



Valuation Rolls

- Stirling Burgh
- Stirling County
- Perth County

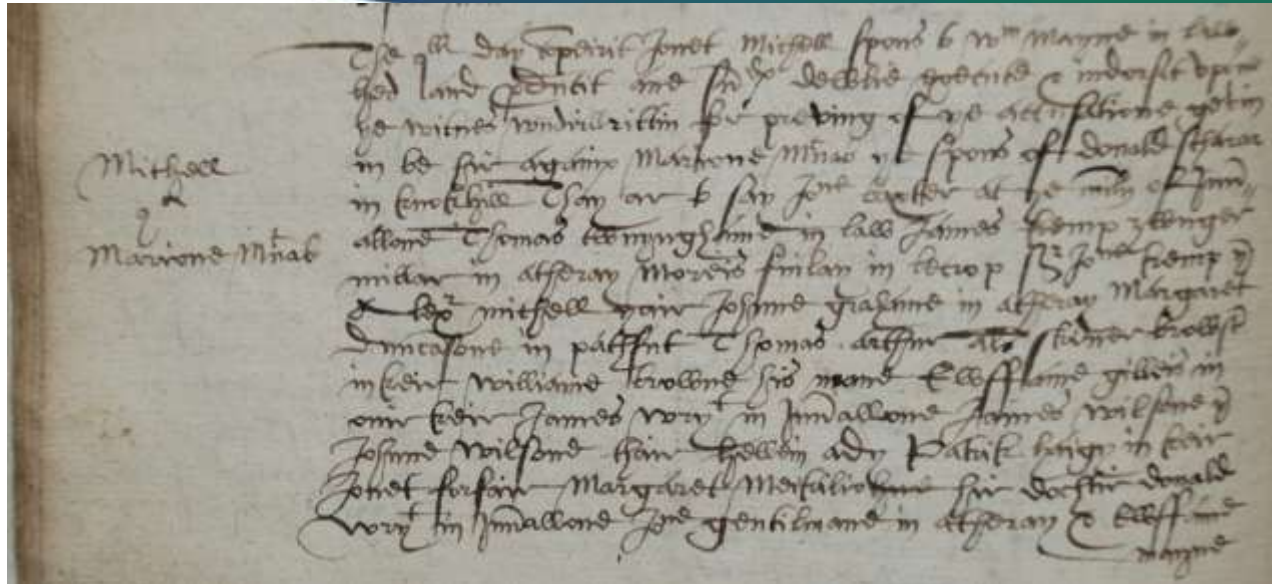


Church Records – Kirk Sessions



1785
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and the said Anne Brown being exhorted to ingenuously
the following Questions were accordingly put to her. To
wit which she answered in the Negative. And being
again interrogate if she took any Drugs from any per-
son in Stirling? answered that she took a Vomut about
the beginning of June A.D. from the said Daniel
Campbell; But that it was a Month before she knew
herself with Child. And being further interrogate
at what time she informed the said Mr Gordon of
her being with Child to him? answered that usually
about a fortnight before she left that place. And
being further interrogate, if the said Mr Gordon
advised her to use any indirect Means for procur-
ing an Abortion? answered that on the Contrary he
advised & directed her to take Care both of herself
& the Child and by all Means to avoid any indirect
practice to procure Abortion. And being further
interrogate if she had ever said to any of her Con-
fidents or Acquaintances, that the said Mr Gordon
had advised her to the using any indirect Means for the
pursued end? answered she never did. Retracted the Re-
cords of the Session of Thunbury by Sir Subscribatur
Robt Findlay S. C.





CH2/722/2

At Sterling on thurisdai [th]e xvii day of septe[m]ber 1590

The said day Marione McNab the spous of donald scharar confessit that scho ____ ane cow take w[il]t[h] ane lyf calf, Be laying [th]e skin of [th]e ded calf befor [th]e cow w[il]t[h] ane loik [lick] salt on it, and saying thryss in [th]e name of [th]e father [th]e sone [and] holy gost. And sic lyk to gar ane cow take w[il]t[h] any quik calff Be putti[n]g [th]e ded calffis skin on ane quick calf and saying [th]e saids words in [th]e name of [th]e father, [th]e sone [and] [th]e holy gost, thryss our [over] and sic lik confessit [th]at scho hes practest [and] done [th]ir things..

<http://www.shc.ed.ac.uk/Research/witches/>

Survey of Scottish Witchcraft



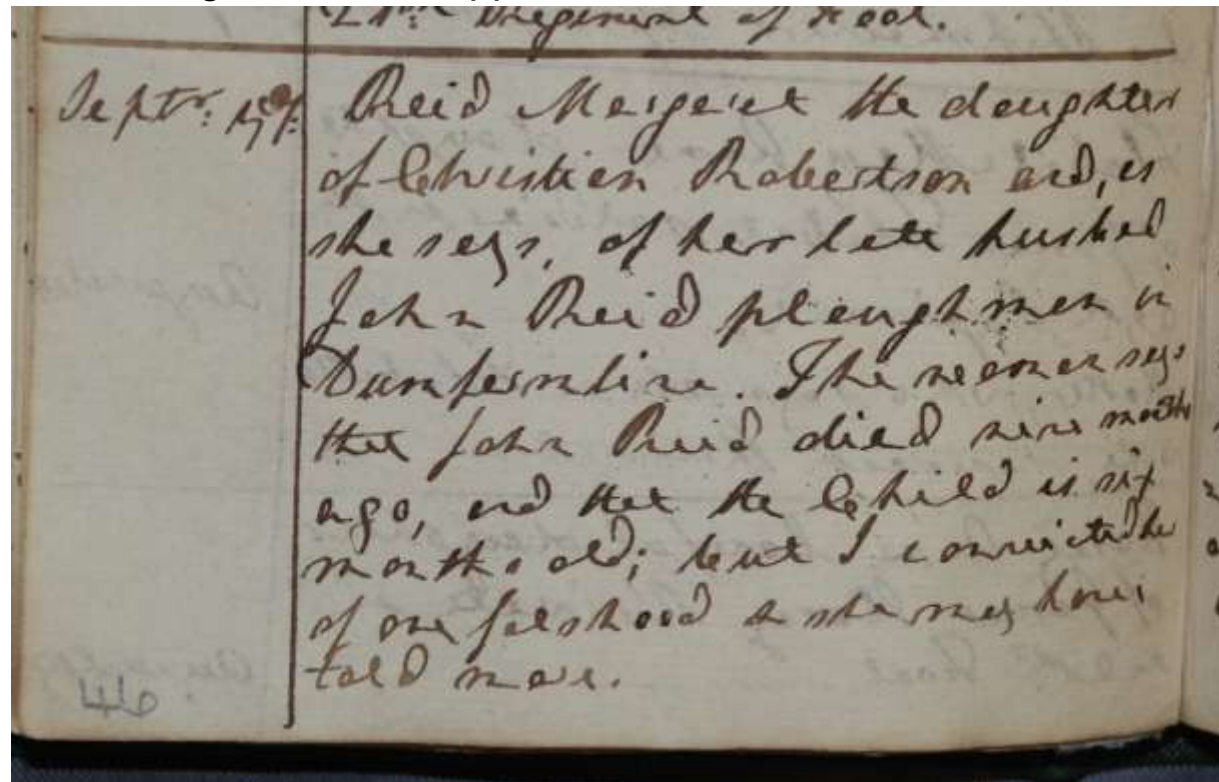
Church Records - Registers

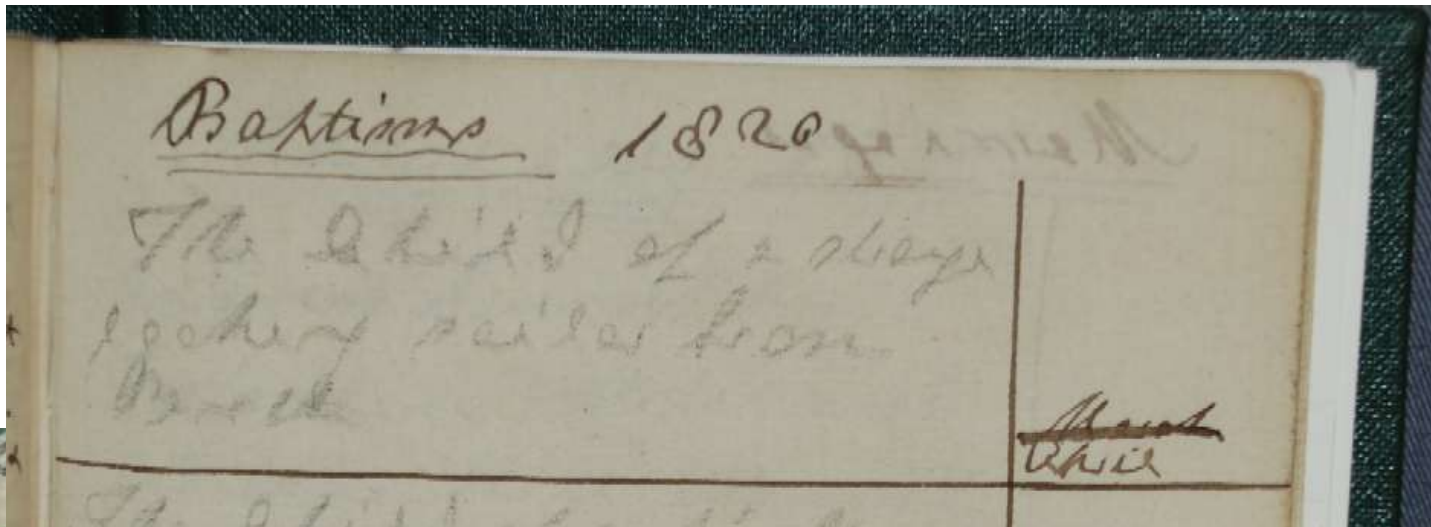
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Stirling. Baptisms 1814

While the Episcopalian Church did not see itself as 'moral guardian' of its flock in the way the Presbyterian Kirk did, we can still detect Gleig's subtle disapproval:

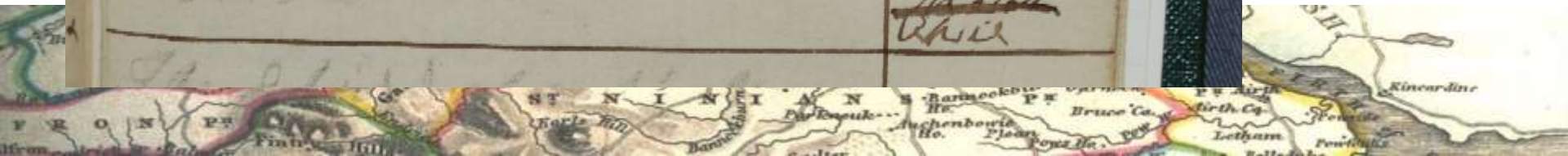
'Reid Margaret the daughter of Christian Robertson and, as she says, of her late husband John Reid ploughman in Dunfermline. The woman says that John Reid died nine months ago, and that the Child is six months old, but I convicted her of one falsehood & she may have told more.' Sept 7th 1814.

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PD205/1/1
Baptism April
1820



Date	No	Name	Residence	Age
July	11	James Leighton	S. Mearns	35
"	"	Elizabeth Leighton	Cambuslang	28
"	"	Tom Boak	Stirling	7
"	21	John Angus	Barnockburn	"
"	"	Christie	Poplar trees	74
"	22	Janet Living	S. Mearns	5
"	"	John Wilson	Do Do	8
"	24	James Miller	Snodhead	92
"	25	Janet Galbraith	Barnockburn	65
"	28	Margaret Bowie	Cambuslang	45
"	29	May Rapall Allison	John S. Stirling	50
"	"	John H. Alliey	Barnockburn	74
"	"	Alvanda Stevenson	Do Do	5
"	31	Thomas Donaldson	Barnockburn	47
Aug	7	John Joseph Esdaile	near Stirling	4
"	7	Isabella Fisher	Barnockburn	6 months
"	8	James Bremichael	S. Mearns	9
"	11	Christian Ballanda	Barnockburn	"
"	14	James H. Lory	S. Mearns	18 months
"	18	James	Barnockburn	70
"	21	Smith	Barnockburn	54
"	25	Sophia Hostie	Charterhouse	85
"	28	Margaret Bellis	James S. Stirling	13 A
Sept	2	Robert Brown	Inverlodge	11
"	"	James Robertson	Archibaldson	"

Locality	Depth	Remarks
Swamp		near Logan Monument West
Swamp	8	new Ground 6 th Type
Swamp		Opp. the Stable near S. side
Swamp		Opp. the stable house near S. side
Swamp		close to S. side of common Ground S. side
Swamp		near Stable Cove
Swamp		new common Ground
Swamp		Opp. the stable house near S. side
Swamp		close to the entrance to the new Ground S. side
Swamp		Opp. the stable house S. side
Swamp		Opp. the school house S. side
Swamp		close to the West end corner
Swamp	15	new Ground 10 th Type
Swamp		new Ground Type
Swamp		new Ground Type
Swamp		South West corner close to S. side
Swamp		Opp. W. corner of Ground S. side
Swamp		Opp. the stable house near S. side
Swamp		close to the foot of S. side of Ground S. side
Swamp		near the Stable S. side
Swamp		new church yard close to the S. side
Swamp		Opp. the Stable near S. side
Swamp		Opp. the stable house close to S. side

Burial Records and Cemetery Plans XA2/1/23

- St Ninians Mortality Register, page for 1858

1819	Names	Residence	Mortality Cause
July 1	M ^{rs} Bruce	St. Ninians	D
4	Janet Mitchell	Cornie	F
12	Wm. Russell	Lauchonford	D
"	Beatrice Bruce	Whins	F
16	M ^{rs} Torfar	Nirling	D
18	Hugh Richardson	B. Burn	D
22	James Lockhart	Whins	D
24	James Paton	Torfar	F
27	James Thomson	Norththiriel	D
28	Andrew Torfar	B. Burn	D
31	"	Cornie	D

**XA2/1/23 St Ninians
Mortality Register
(index available)**

Age	Sex	Disease	Where Buried
75	Male	Consumption	N. of Carmichael
7		Burned	Near E. Gate
25		Consumption	S. of Carmichael
6		Fever	Opp. People's Door
54		Do	N. of Old School
10		Do	Do
6		Do	E. of Carmichael
5		Do	S. of People
5		Do	Do
15		Do	N. E. corner of Yard
44		Old Age	S. of People's Door
18		Fever	E. of School house
4	1	Do	N. Do
1	1	Do	E. of People







21. 12.28 School was closed today for the Christmas vacation. The usual Christmas Treat with Biscuits and gifts to the children. Am.

NUMBER	ORIGINAL ADMISSION NUMBER	DATE OF ADMISSION OR RE-ADMISSION.			NAME IN FULL CHRISTIAN AND SURNAME	PARENT OR GUARDIANS		EXEMPT FROM RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION	EXACT DATE OF CHILD'S BIRTH			LAST SCHOOL (IF ANY) BEFORE ENTERING THIS SCHOOL
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		NAME	ADDRESS		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
1	2	9	6	67	John B Todd	James Todd	Lockie		12	8	63	None
2	4	6	6	68	Margaret Todd	James Todd	"		14	4	64	"
3	5	8	"	"	Mrs Jameson	Mrs Jameson	Gargunnock		"	"	"	"
4	6	7	6	69	John M. Jameson	Mrs Jameson	"		7	12	63	"
5	8	"	9	"	Margaret Jameson	John Jameson	Gargunnock		13	7	65	"
6	12	1	7	71	Mary M Todd	John M Todd	Gargunnock		18	6	64	Gargunnock
7	13	2	7	71	Margaret Todd	John Todd	"					
8	16	6	"	"	Elizabeth Todd	Mrs Todd	"					
9	18	1	7	72	John Campbell	John Campbell	"					
10	19	2	"	"	Mary Todd	John Todd	"		15	11	65	None
									29	8	66	

Gargunnock Admissions 1872



Post 1845 Poor Relief Records

THE PARISH OF *Stirling*

Name *Michael Rabbit* *Catherine Pithman*

Residence	<i>38 St Mary's Road</i>	Earnings, Means, and Resources, besides Parochial Relief	<i>None at present</i>
Age	<i>42</i>	Nature of Settlement	<i>Residence</i>
Date of Minute of Parochial Board or Committee admitting Liability and authorizing Relief	<i>20 April 1888</i>	Name and Age of Wife, Child or Children living in Family	<i>Mrs Catherine Pithman - 41 John 11 - 10 Catherine 7 - 4 Michael 4 - 2 Margaret 2 - 1</i>
Amount and Description of Relief authorized	<i>Left to Support & Assist</i>	Name, Age, and Weekly Earnings of Husband, Wife, Child or Children not living in Family, and their Circumstances	<i>Mary Ann 19 - 10 Margaret 10 - 4 Katherine 10 - 4</i>
Country and Place of Birth, and, if in Scotland, Parish of Birth	<i>Ireland</i>	Other Information not stated above	
Religious Denomination, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic	<i>R.C.</i>		
Condition—If Adult, whether Married or Single, Widow or Widower	<i>Married</i>		
If Child, whether Orphan, Deserted, or separated from Parent			
Trade or Occupation	<i>Laborer</i>		
Wholly or Partially Disabled	<i>Wholly</i>		
Description of Disablement	<i>Paralysis</i>		
Wholly or Partially Destitute	<i>Partially</i>		

Dates. Changes of Circumstances and subsequent Proceedings. DATES. Changes of Circumstances and subsequent Proceedings.

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GENERAL REGISTER OF POOR BELONGING TO

Name *Susan Seaton*

Residence	<i>Churchyard</i>	Earnings, Means, and Resources, besides Parochial Relief	<i>✓</i>
Age	<i>25</i>	Trade or Occupation	<i>✓</i>
Date of Minute of Parochial Board or Committee admitting Liability and authorizing Relief	<i>27th Oct 1885</i>	Wholly or Partially Disabled	<i>Partially</i>
Amount and Description of Relief authorized	<i>Posthouse when at</i>	Description of Disablement	<i>Pregnant</i>
Country and Place of Birth, and, if in Scotland, Parish of Birth	<i>Scotland Stirling</i>	Wholly or Partially Destitute	<i>Wholly</i>
Religious Denomination, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic	<i>Protestant</i>		
Condition—If Adult, whether Married or Single, Widow or Widower	<i>Single</i>		
If Child, whether Orphan, Deserted, or separated from Parent			
Trade or Occupation	<i>Domestic Servant</i>		
Wholly or Partially Disabled	<i>Partially</i>		
Description of Disablement	<i>Pregnant</i>		
Wholly or Partially Destitute	<i>Wholly</i>		

Dates. Changes of Circumstances and subsequent Proceedings. *Refused Posthouse*

GENERAL
REGISTER
OF POOR
BELONGING
TO THE
PARISH OF
STIRLING
1884 - 1891



Local Crime: Stirling Burgh Court act book known as the 'Vagabond Book' 1752 - 1787 B66/19/4

*Banishment
Bartholemew and
Laurence Byrnes*

*Bartholemew Byrne and Laurence Byrne who was
yesterday committed as Vagrants having no certificates or
pass along with them, being brought before the said Baillie,
and having consented to banish themselves the town &
territories thereof in all time coming, The Baillie hereby
banishes them the Town with Goelt. if they be after-
wards found therein they will be disgracefully put
forth of the Burgh and banished under more severe
certifications, And this sentence judicially read over
and intimated to them.*

Robt Alexander

*Bartholemew
Byrne*

Stirling 11 Janry 1772.

Robt. Alexander Baillie

*Vagabond Book of the Burgh
of Stirling begun December 1752*



Trade and Privilege

Entry
 William Iwane
 husb. of Jean Shimay
 Resp. of D. Scots.

The Council Receive and Admitt William Iwane
 weaver in Stirling husband of Jean Shimay lawful
 daughter of James Shimay Merchant Burgess of
 this Burgh. To the liberty and freedom of a Burgess
 qua Eldbro^r thereof, and he being present made
 faith as use is, and paid the Treasurer Eight pound
 Scots money as the dues of his Entry.

James Aoir

Stirling Burgh minutes 18 January 1783

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1777 Nov 27 McKeith John son of John McKeith ad B. & Maltman
 May 16 McKeith James joiner ad B. & Maltman
 July 10 McCowan John Taylor ad Tomb. ad B. & Taylor
 Sept 4 Mallas James ad B. & Gardner
 Oct 28 Marshall William son of John Marshall ad B. & Gardner.
 Dec 6 Mitchell William joiner ad B. & Gardner.
 1778 Apr 9 McEwan William Novl. ad B. & Maltman.
 1779 July 3 Mator John weaver ad B. & Gardner.
 Sept 23 McQueth Patrick Cooper ad B. & Buchanan
 Nov 20 Moir Thomas ad. B. & Maltman.
 Dec 4 Miller John ad. B. and Maltman.
 1780 Jan 3 MacNaughtan John ad. B. and Buchanan.
 Feb 22 Martin William ad. B. and Gardner.
 Mar 6 Miller James ad. B. and Weaver
 Apr 6 Muirhead William ad. B. and Guild brother.
 Feb 3 McTag William ad. B. and Macmurray
 Aug 18 McFarlane William ad. B. & Paton.
 Sept 1 McFadden John ad. B. & Buchanan
 Oct 15 McEwan John ad. B. & Weaver.

Stirling Burgess Roll 1659 - 1902



Trade Associations

The Guildry by a majority grant liberty
to and authorise Mary Thomson in herling to
allowing Mary open a shop within this Burgh and to carry on
Thomson the business of a merchant during her life, on
merchandise - her paying annually to the Guild Treasurers for
during her life. behoof of the Guildry the sum of one pound ten
shillings Six for said knowledge.
Ed Alexander

Starting 3^d April 1816
 This day the trade having been conven'd
 and the daymasterd having reported to the
 Trade and that they were present at the
 Before mentioned William Wate performing
 a day of a veal pie, The Trade approves of
 the same, and enters the same William Wate
 To the freedom of the Trade and by his oath

Stirling Guildry minute 8 August 1800

“...authorised Mary Thomson in Stirling to open a shop... and to carry on the business of a merchant during her life...”

Stirling Incorporated Trade of Baxters

1816 "...William Watt performing a say of a veal pie, the Trade approves of the same..."



Working Lives



D & J MacEwen & Co. Grocers, Port Street, Stirling c. 1920



Plough horses and haymaking team at Manor Farm, near Stirling c. 1930



Stirling Burgh Police 1914



Plean Junction Station at Cowie c. 1904

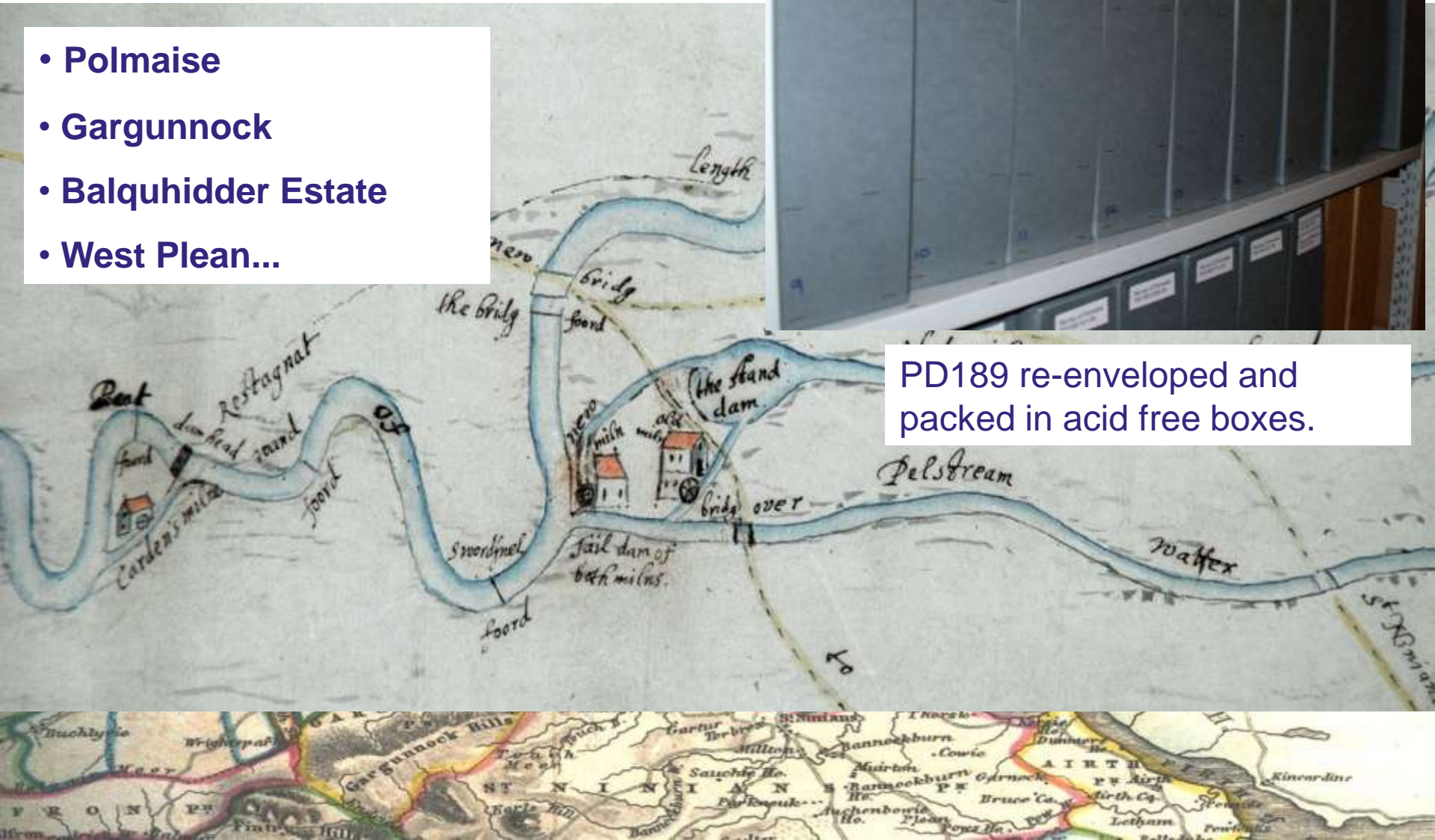


Estate Papers

- Polmaise
- Gargunnock
- Balquhiddar Estate
- West Plea...



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Estate Papers



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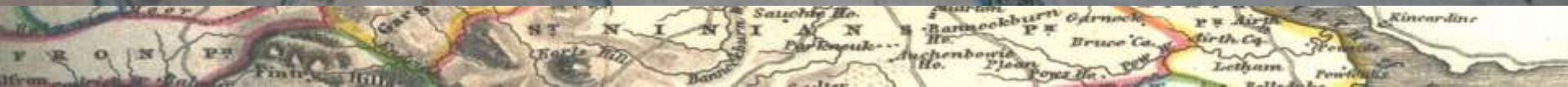
- Correspondence
- Legal papers
- Photographs

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Gartmore Estate Plans, 1853



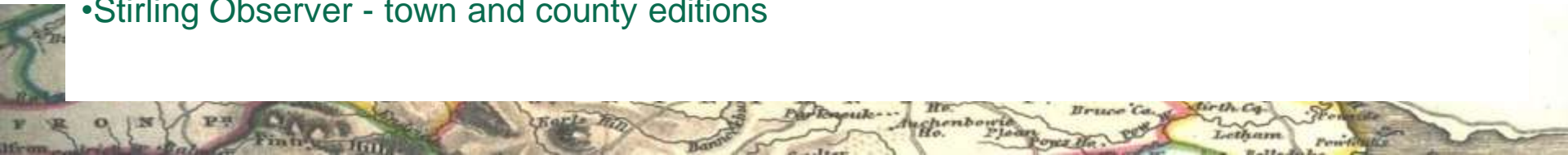


Newspapers



Newspapers held at Stirling Council Archives - some indexes for SO & SJ&Ad available

- Stirling Journal & Advertiser
- Stirling Journal
- Stirling Observer - town and county editions
- Bridge of Allan Reporter
- Stirling Sentinel
- Stirling Gazette





Putting all the pieces together...





Postman

'The Band Race' Callander Highland Games c. 1890



Callander Highland Games c. 1890









Tree barking





The work of the Archive

- Accessioning and cataloguing collections
- enquiries - 2010-11: 828 enquiries
 - family history 41%
 - local history 29%
 - internal council enquiries 11%
 - academic/education 6%
 - other 13%
- productions: 4000 + individual items 2010-11
- visitors: 1100+ people, mostly Local History
- volunteering programme - 20 volunteers at the moment





Researchers & Topics

- Local historians
- Academics
- Family historians
- Internal users
- School children
- researching house history or plans
- volunteering opportunities
- Remote research service
- group tours and talks by appointment....
- use of the archives is FREE to all!



