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Willison Family Papers

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Papers, 1757-1947 of the Willison family, who farmed lands in both Lanarkshire and Perthshire, covering personal and business matters, including farming notebooks, private correspondence and family documents. The collection includes a detailed family history and genealogy composed by Ralph Willison Simmonds (Edinburgh 1989), detailed transcripts and a booklet with historical notes: The Willisons of South Lanarkshire (Edinburgh, 1994), also by Mr Willison - see Nos 1 and 76. The collection has been arranged into the following sections:

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Genealogy and family documents

1. Two copies of the Willison Family Tree by R W Simmonds and detailed transcripts extracted from the papers (see also No. 76).
2. Will of Janet Ferguson, relict of William Willison, ca. 1757.
3. Birth records, 1855-88, beginning with Eliza Bett, ending with Nanny Willison.
4. Will, disposition and settlement of John Willison, d.1889, including account to Morrison and Smith, writers, for drawing it up, 1883, 1885.
5. Abstract of provisions in above will, ca. 1885, receipts of beneficiaries, 1885.

Personal correspondence and related papers

6. Letter from Robert Willison, West Indies, 1796.
7. Papers of Margaret Brown, Mary Willison and James Brown, 1807-33.
8. Letters to John Willison (d.1841), and John Willison (d.1884), and to and of other family members, 1812-53.
9. Letters to John Willison (d.1884), including letters from Alexander and Eliza Willison, 1831-74.

10. Letters to John Willison (d.1884), from Mary Buchan and Alexander Willison, 1839-40.
11. Letters to and of John Willison (d.1884), including some from his nephew Matthew in New Zealand, 1842-73.
12. Letter J P Willison to John Willison (d.1884), 1854 (for others see above).

Business correspondence and papers

13. Letters to John Willison (d.1884), 1843-65.
14. Letter to tenant and rent receipt, 1837, 1844.
15. Valuation of stock, Parish Holm, 1851.
16. Letters to John Willison (d.1884), including those from Edward De Vere, 1854-65, 1896.
17. Letters to John Willison (d.1884), 1862-8.
18. As above, letters from James Bett, 1882.
19. Discharge, John Willison (d.1884), to his son Duncan, 1883.
20. Papers relating to John Willison's Trust, 1871-1919.
21. As above, 1891-1901, but including leases for Kingarth.
22. State of settlement for John Willison's Trust, 1901.
23. Letters relating to John Willison's Trust, 1902.
24. Business papers of Douglas Willison, 1936.

Land

25. Leases and tacks, Acharn, Parish Holm, Kenknock, Kingarth, Tomochrochar, 1828-1916.
26. Tacks and offers relating to Middlefield, 1838-54.

Receipts

27. Miscellaneous receipts, 1819-47.
28. As above, 1825-8.
29. Rent receipts, 1827-65.
30. Rent receipts, 1829-51.
31. Miscellaneous receipts 1829-58, including petition about a dyke, 1829.
32. Family and household receipts, 1831-60.
33. Miscellaneous receipts, 1833-51.
34. As above, 1837-58.
35. As above, 1839-76.
36. Receipts for 1843.
37. Receipts 1843-9.
38. Receipts - mostly tax, 1853-60.
39. Undertakers receipts, for Mrs Campbell, 1860.
40. Receipts, 1853-70 including one for schooling and schoolbooks.
41. Cash account, 1904 and stock valuation n.d.

Cash books and notebooks

41. Cash book also used for commonplaces, 1803-12.
42. Cash book containing book catalogue, 1807-12.
43. Cash book, 1809-32.
44. Cash book, 1811-32.
45. Cash book (Alexander Willison), 1824-40.

46. Cash book, Parish Holm, 1848-73.
47. As above, 1865-73.
48. Account book, 1827-1844.
49. As above, 1855-6.
50. 1871.
51. 1880-1.
52. James Bett, blank grocer's account book, 19th cent.
53. Bank book, 1848-58.
54. As above, 1865-72.
55. Notebook, sheep and cattle, 1806-24.
56. Notebook, Herd's lambs, 1820-48.
57. Stockbook, 1822-35.
58. Sheep book, 1867-82.
59. Sheep book, 1878-82.
60. Stockbook, 1913-17.
61. Farm notebook, 1841-68
62. Sales book, 1893-1917.
63. Cheese book, 1865-76.
64. Wages, 1917.
65. Wages, 1908-47.
66. Memos, 1885-8.
67. Memos, 1903-25.

68. Odd notes, 1903-15.

Miscellaneous notebooks and printed material

69. Poetry and commonplace book of John Willison (d.1841), 1807-9.

70. Catalogue of books, 1821.

71. Lecture notes, Alexander Willison, Glasgow, 1825.

72. List of plenishing in book belonging to David Anderson, 1874-5.

73. Gaelic exercise book of D. Willison, 1907.

74. Instructions to Constables of the County of Ayr (Ayr 1819), printed.

75. Articles of the Douglas Agricultural society (Lanark 1831), printed.

76. The Willisons of South Lanarkshire, selected family papers with historical notes, by Ralph Willison Simmonds (Edinburgh 1994).