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**Papers of the family of Skene of Rubislaw
related Scottish families, and the family of Sir Walter Scott**

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This collection consists of more than 3000 documents, dating from the 1420s to 1980s, mainly relating to the family of Skene of Rubislaw (near Aberdeen). At its centre are the papers of James Skene (1775-1864), artist and friend of Sir Walter Scott. Skene corresponded with notable individuals in the cultural circles of his day and was connected with such organizations as the Royal Institution, the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Institute for the Encouragement of the Fine Arts in Scotland, the Board of Trustees for Manufacturers, and the Bannatyne Club, among others.

The archive was formerly in the possession of Major P.I.C. Payne, of Minehead, in Somerset, who acquired the material by purchase from various sources. Some of Major Payne's own papers relating to the collection from the 1960s, 70s and 80s are included (folders 102-107).

Major Payne provided individual descriptions of a portion of the earlier Skene family papers (folders 1-10). These descriptions are listed in the Appendix to this inventory. Folder 10 includes some letters of James Skene himself. Other related families (folders 22-36) include Moir of Stoneywood (the family of James Skene's mother, Jane), the Forbes family (that of Skene's wife, Jane, daughter of Sir William Forbes of Pitsligo), Russell of Aden, Keith of Ludquhairn, Gordon of Balgown, Ramsay of Invernellie and Peterhead, and Skene of Halyards and Curriehill.

Later family papers (folders 37-39) include correspondence and other material of James Skene's three sons: 1) George Skene (1807-1875), advocate and professor of law in Glasgow University; 2) William Forbes Skene, historian (1809-1892), author of (among other titles) *Celtic Scotland: a History of Ancient Alban*, and the *Memorials of the Family of Skene* and historiographer royal for Scotland; and 3) James Hay Skene (1812-1886), author and Consul General at Aleppo.

Major Payne acquired – and in some cases extracted from the Skene papers – material relating to Sir Walter Scott and his family (folders 87-99). Of particular note are letters from Scott, his daughter and son-in-law, John Gibson Lockhart (folder 89), and correspondence (more than 100 items) by or relating to Scott's father, Walter Scott, W.S, written from 1774 to 1806. Dr J. C. Corson arranged this material and produced an index (located in folder 91). A further acquisition by Major Payne comprised two commonplace books of James Ellis (1763-1830) of Otterburn, poetical editor and associate of Sir Walter Scott. These volumes include an 'Ode to the Genius of Scott', accounts of visits to Scott, poetry, transcriptions of letters, and a collection of verse by Thomas Bedingfeld, whom Ellis edited.

A part of Major Payne's collection was inventoried by the NRA(S) in October 1969 [survey 0464]. As this ordering had not been fully retained at the time of accession, a more logical regrouping was implemented, bringing together papers of families and individuals and establishing a more consistent chronology.

This accession complements existing holdings of Skene family papers (including James Skene), references to which are widely scattered in the Library's published manuscript catalogues (especially volumes I and 2) and in online lists. Among these are: MSS.965, 3854, 20465-80; Acc.8518, 9718, 10050, 10608, 11068, and 11537. Other James Skene and Skene family papers are located in the Edinburgh Public Library, Edinburgh University Library, the National Gallery of Scotland, the National Archives of Scotland (GD244), Aberdeen University Library and University College, London.

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This inventory was compiled by Dr William Zachs.

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1-39 FAMILY PAPERS, 15TH-20TH CENTURIES

1-10 Family Papers, including charters, sasines, marriage contracts, etc., 15th-19th century (see Appendix for individual descriptions)

1. Miscellaneous Lathallan family papers, 1521-1812 (documents 1-12)
2. Lathallan charters, sasines, retours, etc. 1420-1681 (documents 13-38)
3. Family papers, including Gilbert Skene, 1540-1661 (documents 39-66)
4. Miscellaneous papers, including the Hope family, 1558-1665, (documents 67-84)
5. Family papers, including George Skene's business in Danzig, correspondence, family genealogies, inventories of documents, etc. 1597-1709 (documents 85-143)
6. Documents of George Skene and John Skene of Halyards, 1666-1752 (documents 144-194)
7. Skene and other family papers, including bonds and discharges, 1630-1657 (documents 195-227)

8. Documents mainly relating to Sir James and Sir James Skene of Curriehill and John, of Halyards, 1630-1657, documents 228-255)
9. Documents, mainly John Skene of Halyards, including bonds and discharges, 1636-1704, (documents 256-295)
10. Miscellaneous family documents, including Sir John and Sir James Skene of Curriehill, James Skene of Rubislaw, and his son William Forbes Skene, 1609-1856 (documents 296-318); and eight further documents, 1656-1788.

11-19 Additional Skene family documents (including those of related families), many on vellum, 1563-1782

11. undated, 16th and 17th centuries (15 documents)
12. 1563-1595 (10 documents)
13. 1604-1634 (13 document)
14. 1645-1670 (10 documents)
15. 1671-1698 (7 documents)
16. 1701-1717 (11 documents)
17. 1718-1727 (17 documents)
18. 1729-1760 (13 documents)
19. 1762-1782 (10 documents)

20-21 19th-century inventories of family papers

20. A volume bound in quarter roan (very worn) entitled 'Records of the Family of Skene' [65ff] extracted from various sources. c. 1850.
21. Bound volume (boards detached), 'Skene Papers. No. 2' on spine; composed of several documents on differently watermarked paper (1837-1869) bound together; extracted from various sources.

22-36 Documents, mainly legal, of related families

22. Russell family in Aden, Aberdeenshire, 1766-1831, mainly legal (Alex. Russell of Moncoffer (b. 1697) married in 1718, Catharine, the eldest daughter of Alex. Skene of Skene and Rubislaw) (13 documents)
23. Keith (of Ludquhairn), Forbes and Gordon families, 17th century (19 documents)
24. Keith (of Ludquhairn), Forbes and Gordon families, 17th century (25 documents)
25. Miscellaneous families, mainly 17th century, with one dated 1553 (15 documents)
26. Gordon of Balgown 1648-1682 (6 rolled documents)
27. Gordon (and later Forbes) of Balgown, 17th and 18th centuries (14 documents)
28. Miscellaneous, comprising an assignation between Patrick Souper and James Irvine, 1727 (with 3 enclosures); a disposition and

- conveyance between Capt. John Farquharson and Francis Farquharson, 1799; and sasine in favour of William Forbes of Craigievar, 1810 (6 documents)
29. Ogilvie family, 1722-86 (10 documents)
 30. Ramsay of Invernellie and Peterhead, including Colonel John Ramsay (who married James Skene's aunt, Maria Moir), 1796-1802; also correspondence; family accounts, 1756-96; a notebook of Major James Ramsay of the 30th (Cambridgeshire) Regiment, 1794. (70 items)
 31. Ramsay of Invernellie and Peterhead, mainly receipts, 1784-1802 (91 items)
 32. Moir family of Stoneywood, miscellaneous, 1734-1824 (29 items)
 33. Moir family of Stoneywood, accounts and receipts, 1780-98 (25 items)
 34. Skene of Halyards family, documents and correspondence, 1696-1824 (33 items)
 35. Shortreed of Jedburgh, including Robert Shortreed (1762-1829), 1779-1836 (39 items)
 36. James Aitchison of Jamaica, including those of Robert Scott of Orchard, 1788-91, and John Wood of Kelso, 1772-91 (5 items).

37-39 Later family papers, 1826-1919

37. Letters and papers, 1826-1887, of William Forbes Skene (1809-92), Historiographer Royal of Scotland and Celtic scholar, author of the *Memorials of the Family of Skene* (1887), including letters to his father (James Skene) from St. Andrews and Edinburgh, 1826-33; letters from Charles Elphinstone Dalrymple and P.J. Anderson, New Spalding Club, regarding matters relative to the publication of the Skene history, 1886-87. Letters to Felix Skene, his nephew, on personal and financial matters, from 1877; together with a lithographic advertisement for the rental of Pettycur House, owned by William Forbes Skene; and other papers (56 items)
38. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1839-1887, and genealogical papers used by William Forbes Skene's for his the *Memorials of the family of Skene of Skene*, 1887 (57 items).
39. Miscellaneous Skene family correspondence and papers, 1881-1919 (50 items).

40-86 PAPERS OF JAMES SKENE, 1785-1836

40-55 Correspondence of James Skene, 1788-1836

40. 1790-99 (23 letters)
41. 1800-09 (52 letters)
42. 1811-18 (17 letters)
43. 1819-29 (70 letters)

44. 1830-36 (73 letters)
45. Undated correspondence (17 letters)
46. Drafts of letters, 1822-34, some written on the back of printed circulars (letters).
47. Letters of Jane Moir Skene to her son James, 1788-1811 (21 letters)
48. Letters of Catherine Skene Jardine (m. Sir Henry Jardine in 1794) and Margaret Skene Ramsay (and her husband Colonel Ramsay of the 2nd Regiment) to their brother James, 1789-1820 (26 letters)
49. Correspondence between James Skene and his wife Forbes, 1806-37 (51 letters)
50. Letters from George Skene to his parents, James and Jane, 1835-36 (8 letters)
51. Correspondence and papers relating to the Institution for the Fine Arts in Scotland, 1820s, including circulars, letters, drafts, etc. regarding the affairs and organisation of the Institution, including a draft MS report to the Governors (21 letters)
52. Correspondence and other documents on artists and artistic matters, 1802-31, including eight letters to James Skene from the artist Andrew Wilson. 1821-31; material on Italian acquisitions; single letters from William Adam, 1822, on Scottish paintings for Holyrood Palace; to Henry Raeburn, c. 1823, son (?) of the artist; two documents (1802) relating to art. For related secondary material collected by Major Payne, see folder 103 (13 letters)
53. Correspondence and papers relating to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, 1780s-1820s (25 letters)
54. Correspondence, consisting mainly of printed society circulars, 1810-34 (12), including the Geological Society, the Pitt Club of Scotland, the Astronomical Institution of Edinburgh with other printed ephemera relating to Edinburgh residential gardens (12 letters)
55. Miscellaneous papers of James Skene, including his passports; documents relating to the Board of Manufacturers; inventories of paintings at Rubislaw; printed circulars, 1790s –1830s, and four individual issues of Scottish newspapers, 1782-1829 (21 items).

56-86: Accounts and receipts, 1785-1837

Accounts and receipts 1785-1836, primarily of James Skene but also of family members, of business dealings in Edinburgh, London, Glasgow and other places, including goods purchased, estate accounts (such as tenants' wages); material relating to foreign travel 1802-03; receipts for painting supplies, 1805, an account with Chalmers & Son, engravers, gilders & picture cleaners, listing a portrait of Sir Walter Scott, etc. Skene's accounts with the bankers Forbes & Hunter are separated in folder 86. A number of the documents are on engraved stationery and in letterpress. (Documents are filed chronologically, and where spanning more than one year, by the latest date recorded.)

- 56. 1785-1799 (54 items)
- 57. 1800 (45 items)
- 58. 1801 (42 items)
- 59. 1802 (36 items)
- 60. 1803 (8 items)
- 61. 1804 (38 items)
- 62. 1805 (15 items)
- 63. 1806 (22 items)
- 64. 1807 (22 items)
- 65. 1808 (56 items)
- 66. 1809 (60 items)
- 67. 1810 (49 items)
- 68. 1811 (93 items)
- 69. 1812 (11 items)
- 70. 1813-16 (15 items)
- 71. 1817 (55 items)
- 72. 1818-19 (15 items)
- 73. 1820 (41 items)
- 74. 1821 (42 items)
- 75. 1822 (57 items)
- 76. 1823 (40 items)
- 77. 1824-25 (28 items)
- 78. 1826 (15 items)
- 79. 1827 (16 items)
- 80. 1828 (22 items)
- 81. 1829-30 (19 items)
- 82. 1831 (38 items)
- 83. 1832 (45 items)
- 84. 1833 (19 items)
- 85. 1834-37, including 8 undated, (53 items)
- 86. James Skene's banking accounts with Forbes & Hunter, 1808-23 (47 items).

87-101 SIR WALTER SCOTT AND THE SCOTT FAMILY, 1774-1853

87-90 Papers and other material relating to Sir Walter Scott, the Scott family, and families and locations associated with Scott, 1774-1853

- 87. James Skene's working papers, 1830-33, for his 'Landscape Illustrations to the Waverley Novels', 1830-33. Correspondents include John Martin; Charles Tilt, Alexander G. Hunter, Lewis Smith, Thomas Cadell, and Archibald Constable. Two pencil drawings (possibly related) of Monymusk House and of Black Gate, Newcastle, (n.d.); one further letter related, 1841 (34 items)
- 88. James Skene's correspondence and papers relating to the Scott Monument, 1833 (3 letters).

- 89. Letters: Sir Walter Scott to Captain Rae, 24 Sept. 1801; J.G. Lockhart to Jane Skene, 16 April 1826; 3 letters from Sophia Lockhart to Jane Skene. 1 Nov. 1827, 3 Nov. 1831, 18 Oct. 1832. See folder 104 for secondary material relating to these, and typed transcriptions (6 letters).
- 90. An early 19th-century framed miniature, watercolour on ivory, of an unidentified man, thought by Major Payne to be Sir Walter Scott. See folder 105 for Major Payne's correspondence on the miniature.

91-93 Walter Scott, W.S, 1774-1806

- 91. A typescript index compiled by Dr. J. C. Corson, Scott scholar, and Honorary Library of Abbotsford, of 117 letters and other documents, described in 92-93
- 92. Letters and other papers of Walter Scott, W.S. (father of Sir Walter), the majority sent to William Smith, write in Kelso, 1774-85. Numbered by Corson 1-60, and indexed in 91. (60 items)
- 93. Letters and other papers of Walter Scott, W.S. (father of Sir Walter), the majority sent to William Smith, write in Kelso, 1786-1806, the last two items settling Walter Scott's account. Numbered by Corson 61-117, and indexed in 91 (57 items)

94-99 Scott and Scottiana, 1762-1853

- 94. Letters mentioning Sir Walter Scott, mainly addressed to John Smith, 1799-1832. Presumably extracted by Major Payne from the correspondence of Walter Scott, W.S., in folders 92-93 (6 letters)
- 95. Legal and business papers, many associated with Walter Scott, W.S. 1762-81 (16 items)
- 96. Papers relating to Sandyknowe and Smailholm, 1803-27 (11 items)
- 97. Letters relating to Thomas Scott (Walter's younger brother) and the Scotts of Raeburn, 1799-1834. Presumably extracted by Major Payne from the correspondence of Walter Scott, W.S. (folders 92-93). Also, a small vellum-bound notebook dated 1699 on cover 'Book of William Scott of Raeburn, continued in 1841 by his great-great grandson and namesake, William Scott of Raeburn, Sept. 1841, containing memoranda, autography &c &c'. The notebook includes notices of death, newspaper clippings, 148 autograph signatures, mainly 19th century but some of an earlier date, cut from letters or other documents, and pasted in, with an index of the names at the end. There are also a few leaves in the hand of the original owner, 1681-96 (9 letters)
- 98. Papers relating to the Ballantynes of Kelso, 1790-1823 (13 items)
- 99. Papers relating to the lands at Rosebank, Kelso, 1791-1853 (34 items).

100-101 Miscellaneous material, mainly poetical and partly related to Sir Walter Scott, 1802-17

100. A 6-page poem entitled 'Dialogue with a Hare' beginning 'When Eildon hills wi' powder'd head', in 27 stanzas, on paper watermarked 1802, with corrections possibly in the hand of Scott.
101. Two commonplace books of James Ellis, poetical editor (1763-1830), of Otterburn:
1. Entitled 'Poems, Ballads and Historical and Miscellaneous Extracts, chiefly relative to the Borders of England and Scotland', a half-calf bound volume, written on paper watermarked 1800, consisting of 109 numbered pages of verse, with Ellis's historical notes, followed by copies of Ellis's correspondence with Walter Scott, including letters by Scott from 27 Feb. 1812 and 3 April, 1813; a genealogy of the family of Radclyffe of Dilston; further verse, including an 'Ode to the Genius of Scott', and other poetry composed in 1817. 88 fols.
 2. Containing extracts of verse largely but not entirely published, including poems by Thomas Bedingfeld, whose works Ellis later edited and published. 90 fols.

Also, some secondary material of Major Payne relating to his purchase of and research.

Ellis is listed in the index of Scott's Letters, and an account of him as a 'poetical attorney' is found in the *Berwickshire Naturalists' Club*, xxii, 118-21, by Richard Welford.

102-108 PAPERS OF MAJOR P.I.C. PAYNE RELATING TO SKENE AND SCOTT MATERIAL, 1960s-90s

102. Papers (mainly photocopies), including correspondence, of Major Payne, relating to his research on the Skene papers, mainly genealogical, including the families of Skene of Rubislaw, Halyards, Pitfour, Curriehill and Moir of Stonywood. Also the Royal Institution (Edinburgh)
103. Papers, including correspondence of Major Payne, relating to James Skene as an artist and to artistic matters in general (see folder 52); with two marked Sotheby auction catalogues for sales on 14 October 1971 and 3 March 1980
104. Miscellaneous papers of Major Payne relating to the letters in folder 89, mainly concerning an exhibition for the Scott bi-centenary in summer 1971 at the Berwick County Library (Duns), including typescripts of the letters, an exhibition catalogue, correspondence on the exhibition, catalogue, and exhibit labels, including typed transcriptions of five of the six letters (20 items)

105. Major Payne's correspondence relating to a supposed miniature of Sir Walter Scott (in folder 90), 1972, with 5 photographs (10 items)
106. Letters from J. C. Corson, to Major Payne, 1970-74, and one other (14 letters)
107. Correspondence of Major Payne with the National Register of Archives (Scotland) and the National Library of Scotland, 1969-98, concerning the papers in this collection (23), with a NRA(S) survey of the Skene of Rubislaw papers.
108. Printed books used and annotated by Major Payne, including *Memorials of the Family of Skene of Skene* (1887); 'Descent of the Family of Skene of Skene' (a folding chart c. 1880); *Last of the Eccentrics. A life of Rossllyn Bruce*, by Verily Anderson (1972); *Lessudden House: Sir Walter Scott and the Scotts of Raeburn*, by Tresham Lever (1971); and *Pictures for Scotland. The National Gallery of Scotland & its Collection*, by Colin Thompson (1972).

APPENDIX:

DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEMS IN FOLDERS 1-10 (NUMBERED 1-318)

Brackets [] typically indicate undeciphered text or missing information.

Items 1-12 are contained in folder 1

1. OBLIGATION by Thos. Forsyth, Isbel Knox and William Fulles to pay Colonel Archibald Spens of Lathallan Lodge £8:1 :- for corn. Kelso, 21 August 1813.
2. LETTERS OF EXCOMMUNICATION by the official Principal of St Andrews at the instance of Margaret Dunbar, relict of the deceased William Forbes against William Ruthwane of Bandane for nonfulfilment of an order under the sign of Patrick Ross priest of St Andrews diocese, notary, dated 10 July 1537 to him through his attorney Mr James Spens to fulfill a contract with the said Margaret Dunbar, St Andrews, 28 June 1539.
3. Royal GRANT in favour of Robert Wood of the non-entries of the lands of Lamhalland and Kittite formerly pertaining to the deceased John Spens of Lamhalland and also of the marriage of John Spens son and heir to the said John. Edinburgh, 27 December 1521.
4. Copy of a royal GRANT in favour of the town of St Andrews to provide for the ministers of the gospel and the poor of the property and rents of the Greyfriars, the Blackfriars, the chapels of St Nicholas, Kinglassie, Kynninmount and the collegiate church of Kirkhill, Edinburgh, 17 April 1567.
5. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 29 May 1574 recording that James Spens of Lathalland Eister with consent of Elizabeth Seytoun his spouse has given possession of an annual rent of 18 merks out of Lathalland Eister to Florentinus Auchtmowty of Halhill and Margaret Bury his spouse. Witnesses: Arthur Spens, apparent of Lathalland, David Roucht and David Wilson. Notary: David Auchtmowty clerk of St Andrews diocese.
6. Royal WARRANT for a feu charter under the great seal in favour of Captain Patrick Setone and his heirs of the Kirklands of the vicarage Strameglor with the glebe, manse etc. for a feu of the 20 merks formerly payed to the vicar with an augmentation of 13/4, 158 - [Date not filled up].
7. Royal INHIBITION at the instance of George, Lord Seytoun complaining that the place of the Blackfriars in St Andrews pertaining to him has had some parts cast down and the stones taken away and that the same people intend to demolish the place and take away the stones; whereby all and sundry are forbidden to demolish any part. St Andrews, 22 August 1583. Endorsed with execution at the market cross on 22 August 1583 by Robert Mwdy messenger against the

- provost baillies and all others. Witnesses: Mr James Seton, James Young, John Seton and William Ramsay, trumpeter.
8. DISCHARGE by Alexander Spens son to James Spens of Lathalland to James Irnis of Kinclune on behalf of James, Lord Ogilvy of Airlie and Mr David Auchmwtie, citizen of St Andrews his cautioner for £260 owed to Captain Patrick Setoun Usan of the King of France's guard with consent of Mr Julian Quentene, merchant in Pareis. Dundee, 22 November 1589. Witnesses: George Ogilvy, burgess of Dundee, Gilbert Ogilvy of Brekis, William Thomsoun, procurator in Dundee and David Skinner, writer.
 9. OBLIGATION by James Spens of Lathalland to Alexander Spens his second son, having spent a good part of his young years waiting in Edinburgh at all times of session pursuing David Kynneir of that ilk for his father, to get himself infet in the halflands of Kittitye and Craigsanquhor once occupied by the deceased James and Robert Moreis and now by the said David Kynneir and thereafter to transfer title to the said Alexander. Edinburgh, 17 December 1599. Witnesses: George Spens, servitor to Mr Richard Spens, advocate, James Borthuik, writer and Andrew Lyndsay and Robert Balfour his servants.
 10. CONTRACT at Newhous of Lochlevin 16 February 1595 between Alexander Spens son to James Spens of Lathallane on the one part and Andrew Howburne son to Patrick Howburne of Tilliboll on behalf of Janet Dowglass relict of Alexander Robertstone in Cragow and Robert Robertstone her son on the other part whereby Alexander agrees to get a precept of clare constat from his father to enter the said Janet to Drumghar Zairds in the town of Perth and to transfer his right in a contract made between the deceased Alexander Robertson and him to the said Andrew in return for an unspecified sum. Witnesses: David Barclay of Stuey, William Duncan (Chirurgion) burgess of Dundy and Hewie Dowglas.
 11. DISCHARGE by John, Earl of Rothes to Alexander Spens of Lathalland for writs concerning the lands and barony of Condland [25 documents, 1603-1614 listed]. Leslie, 21 June 1622. Witnesses: James Aytoun servitor to the granter, Mr David Aytoun, younger in Edinburgh, Robert Balfour servitor to Michael Arnot of that ilk, Andrew Beathe in Leslie, David Andersone, Gawine Wemys writer hereof and Robert Bonstoun servitor to the said David Anderson.
 12. NOMINATION by Janet Forratt residenter at Lathalleand of Thomas and Helen Spens lawful children to Nathaniel Spens of Lathalleand as her executors [name of David Spens apparently cut out] especially for a sum owed by Margaret Moncreife, lady of Lathalleand elder and she leaves in legacy to Nathaniel Spens her master for his kindness her bygone fees, £20 in the hands of John Rungay elder in Cordies Meallemy, £8:11:- in the hands of Christian Rodger in the Coattoune of Cassingray and £3 in the hands of James Bred tailor in Kilconquhar. At Lathalleand, 9 February 1669. Witnesses: John

Pittilock and James Seivewright indweller on the ground of Lathalleand, William Knell, notary attests granter's signature.

Items 13-38 are contained in folder 2

13. CHARTER by William de Strachine and John Yhung son of Richard, baillies of Perth and the community of the same granting to John de Spensa son & heir of William de Spensa, senior a tenement, belonging to the deceased John son of Malcolm, burgess of Perth who was owing £4 to the royal customar, on the South side of South Street between the land of William of Qwhitsum on the east and the land of Robert Broun on the west for payment of the said sum, the accustomed rent to the King and an annualrent to Cristiane de Spensa and her heirs of 13/4d. Commonseal of the burgh [missing], Witnesses: William de Qwhitsum, Robert Broun, John Gill' de Haltoun, Richard de Strachine, Thomas de Muncrefe, Andrew de Muntage, Walter Rywot and Ingitermo de Buchan burgesses of Perth.[Undated but c. 1480].
14. CHARTER, by Walter Umfray son and heir of the deceased Walter Umfray burgess of Perth in favour of Thomas Gibsoun burgess of a perticate of land lying above the town below the croft of John de Spensa between the land of the said John de Spensa on the north and land of Donald Anderson on the south. Seal of granter missing and of William de Kynnarde baillie of Perth. Witnesses: Patrick Charteris now provost and sheriff of Perth, James Charteris William Scoule and John de Balcancoll, baillies of the same, Thomas de Lyn, John de Camera, Cristinus de Dunnyn, John de Serez, Mathew [] Thomas Scot and John de Logy burgesses. [No date but c. 1420].
15. INSTRUMENT dated [illeg.] March 1500 recording protest of John Spens of Athaland having given sasine to Sir John Lundy of that ilk of an annualrent of 40/- from the lands of Athaland formerly possessed by Walter Heriot that the said Walter should complete title by sealing his charter. Witnesses: Stephen Dudingstone of Sandford, Andrew Lundy, Mr Thomas Lundy, Dom Thomas Dempstertoune chaplain, Henry Dempstertoune and Thomas Hudson. Notary: David Greig priest of St Andrews diocese.
16. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 8 July 1500 recording the transfer of possession by Henry Ramsay and Andrew Lundy of Carnbo, sheriffs depute of the half lands of Kittidy and Cragunquhar formerly possessed by Robert Nory of Terbert to John Spens of Lathaland. Witnesses: Bartholomew Johneson, John Smert, John Steynson, Thomas Boyst and John Sibbald. Notary: John Ferny.
17. Royal feu CHARTER in favour of Alexander Corby and his heirs of a quarter of a sixteenth of the lands and town of Luthre for payment of feu of 23/4 annually. Edinburgh, 25 January 1528.

18. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 20 November 1550 recording infeftment of Alexander Henrisone in succession to his father, Robert Henrisone (deceased) on a royal precept in the sixth part of the lands of Dron and Cottoun and the sixth part of the mill by Thomas Davidsoun officer and baillie of Robert Betoun of Creich, steward of Fife. Witnesses: Robert Scot, John Wilsoun, William Wemys, Duncan Wilsoun and Thomas Walker. Notary: John Schetho, clerk of St Andrews diocese.
19. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 5 January 1551 recording infeftment of Nycola Vod spouse to John Bell burgess of Kirkcaldy in two tenements in Kirkcaldy following resignation by her husband viz. one between the land of Thomas Donaldson on the east, the land of William Bell on the west, the common vennel on the north and the kings highway on the south, the other on the east side of the burgh between the land of the deceased Henry Lyndsay on the east, the deceased Thomas Lam on the north, and the torrent on the west, Baillie for sasine, John Hale, Witnesses: John David, William Hart, Robert Fliger, Robert Myllar, Notary, Michael Couper, clerk of St Andrews diocese.
20. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 10 November 1552 recording infeftment of James Spens of Lathalland by the hands of his attorney, Alexander Setoun, on a royal precept in succession to his grandfather John Spens of Lathalland, in a fourth part of the lands of Lathalland. Baillie for sasine, Alexander Wylke officer of George Earl of Rothes, sheriff of Fife. Witnesses: Stephen Cristie, Thomas Monyman, and Alexander Preston, Notary: James Anderson, clerk of St Andrews diocese.
21. CHARTER granted by Agnes Skrymgeour, lady of the middle part of the lands of Cragy with consent of Peter Bruce, apparent of Erlishall, her husband in favour of David Lessallis of Inderdowat of the said middle part of the lands of Cragy in the barony of Rossyth sold to her by Robert Stewart of Rossyth. At Erlishall 18 January 1572. Witnesses: Thomas Bruce, Andrew Robertsone, John Rynd and Thomas Mows, notary. Endorsed with instrument of sasine dated 18 Jan. 1572. Baillie for sasine Patrick Bruce. Witnesses: Thomas Rynde, in Cragy John Ramsay there and David Greig in Fordell, Notary Thomas Mows.
22. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 31 May 1539 recording infeftment of Andrew Wod of Stravethy by the hand of Andrew Wod his son in life rent and James Wod son of the said Andrew, senior in heritage by the hand of Andrew Howesoun servant to Andrew Wod in an annual rent of 20 merks out of the lands of Lathalland following on a contract dated 22 May instant with Arthur Spens fear of Lathalland and Janet Dudingstoun his Spouse. Witnesses: William Hardy and Peter Gibsoun, servants of the said Arthur Spens and William Greig servant to the said Andrew Wod. Notary: Charles Watsoun, clerk of St

- Andrews diocese. Endorsed with receipt by Andrew Wod of Stravethie for 200 merks in redemption of the annual rent. St Andrews 19 June 1590. Witness: Andrew Wod son to the granter.
23. CONFIRMATION CHARTER by John Seytoun of Lauthrisk Wester in favour of Andrew Seytoun his brother german of a charter by his former tenant David Lauthrisk of Orkye granting the quarter part of the lands of Easter Lauthrisk called Langflett dated at Orkye 4 January 1576.
Witnesses: George Seytoun, James Seytoun, James Andersoun and Patrick Glasfurd, notary. Faulkland, 12 July 1589.
Witnesses: Andrew Seytoun, brother to granter, Alexander Spens son to the laird of Lauthallan, Patrick Seytoun, uncle to the granter and Alexander Fairny, notary.
24. RETOUR before David Weland burgess of Cupar, sheriff depute of Fife, dated 28 April 1590 of George Settone to his deceased paternal uncle George Settone in the ecclesiastical lands of Strathmiglo excepting the houses and gardens formerly occupied by Laurence Symsons, John Broun and John Gibson lying on the west side of the church. Inquest: David Balfour of Bandone, Thomas Forestor of Strathanrie, George Mertene of Cardone, George Auchmutie of that ilk, Walter Heriot of Ramorgny, John Forrett of Fingask, George Settone of Carraldstone, James Spens of Lathalland, Arthur Spens fear of Lathalland, Ninian Bonor of Keltie, Thomas Ballingall of Riggis, Alexander Mortone in Lucheris Mylnetone, Henry Dik there, Robert Hendersone there and William Forgound in Lucheris.
25. CHARTER by Arthur Spens fear of Lathalland with consent of Janet Dadingstoun his spouse in favour of Andrew Wod of Stravethy in life rent and of James Wod his son in fee of an annual rent of 20 merks from the lands of Lathalland. Lathalland, 31 May 1589. Witnesses: Andrew Wod junior of Stravethy, Andrew Howesoun his servitor, William Hardy servant to the granter, & Andrew Watson, notary, Peter [.....] and William Greig servant to Andrew Wod. Endorsed with discharge of the said annual rent for a payment of 200 merks. St Andrews, 19 June 1590. Witnesses Alexander Spens brother german to Arthur Spens of Lathalland, William Greg servitor to Andrew Wod and Charles Watson, notary.
26. CHARTER by George Seytoun fear of the lands of the vicarage of Strathmiglo with consent of John Seytoun of Pittedy in favour of John Seytoun, son of the deceased James Seytoun brother of the laird of Lathrisk of the ecclesiastical lands of the vicarage of Strathmiglo, 1590 [Date and witnesses not filled in].
27. A similar document to 26 but in favour of his paternal uncle Captain Patrick Settone, 1590. [Date and witnesses not filled in. This is part of a document cut up to form a cover for paper leaves now torn away].
28. Royal WARRANT to Arthur Spens of Lathalland as attorney for Robert, Lord Seytoun. Edinburgh, 20 November 1590.

29. RETOUR before David Veland and Thomas Flescher burgesses of Cupar Sheriff deutes of Fife dated 6 September 1592 of John Setone as heir to his brother, William Setone in Leythe in an annual rent of £12 from the sun half of the land of Woddersbie due by William Sandelandis of St Monance son and heir of the deceased James Sandelandis fear of St Monance. Inquest: Alexander Setone in Stramiglo, Richard Scott in Cashe, Alexander Touche there, William Allardes in Kinraigie, John Mathie in Holcattill, John Arnott in the chapell of Cattill, Paul Balfour there, John Setone in Auchtermuchtie, James Baverage there, Patrick Dempstertone there, John Thomsone in Rossie, Thomas Spens in Pitlochie and William Patersone in Cullessie.
30. CHARTER by Arthur Spens of Lathalland for implementation of a contract between him & his wife Janet Dudingstone on the one part and Thomas Gourlaw of Kinraig and Barbara Patersone his wife on the other part granting to the second parties in conjoint fee and heretage an annual rent of 50 merks from the lands of Lathalland. At Lathalland, 28 May 1595. Witnesses: John Patersone of Hiltervet, Mr Andrew Patersone fear thereof, George Airthe of Foxtone, John Patersone of Bandirrane, John Heddiruik in Cupar, Walter Mathie in Lathalland and George Arthe fear of Foxtone.
31. CHARTER by Arthur Spens of Lathalland for implementation of a contract between him & his wife Janet Dudingstone on the one part and Mr John Auchinleck, minister at Largow and Barbara Gourlay on the other part, granting to the second parties in conjoint fee and heretage an annualrent of 80 merks from the lands of Lathalland. At Lathalland, 18 December 1599. Witnesses: Thomas Gourlay of Kinrage, Alexander Spens son & heir apparent to the granter, Thomas Scot and Andrew Smart servants to the granter, and Henry Dolonye servitor to Tomas Gourlay.
32. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 9 May 1600 recording conjoint infeftment of Patrick Person in Bankheid and Margaret Johnstoun his spouse in 8 acres of land (17 riggs) presently occupied by him in Bankheid of Lathalland by Arthur Spence of Lathalland in fulfillment of a contract. Witnesses: William Lundye in Falfield, William Vallace in Lathalland, John Orknay there & Robert Vilsoun in Kilbrakmont. Notary: Adam Litiliohne. Endorsed with discharge for 400 merks [parties as in sasine] being redemption price of the lands. At Lathalland 2 October 1609. Witnesses: Mr James Bruce of Newburgh, Archibald Hamilton in Auctirmairny, Alexander Spens in Sanct Androis, Mr Thomas Wod and David Sym. notaries.
33. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 31 December [1605] recording infeftment of William Persone and Janet Cordy his spouse in three acres of land lying in Lathalland bank presently occupied by Thomas Kyng with pasture for three cows following on a contract with Arthur Spens of Lathalland and Alexander Spens his son & apparent heir as

the other party. Witnesses: Patrick Persone in Bankheid, George Anderson in Mwrheid, William Scot in Lathalland and Patrick Spens. Notary Adam Litiliohne.

Endorsed with discharge for 100 merks [parties as in sasine] being redemption price of the lands. At Lathalland 2 October 1609.

Witnesses: Mr James Bruce of Newburgh, Alexander Spens in Sanet Androis, Mr Thomas Wod and David Sym notaries and John Dudingston brother to Stevin Dudingston of Sandiefurd.

34. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 13 May 1611 recording infetment of William Dudingston as heir to his father James Dudingston in Muircambus milne following on a precept by Alexander Spens of Lathalland in an annual rent of £8 from the lands of Lathalland. Witnesses: Alexander Spens in Elie, Patrick Spens, brother to the said Alexander John Symson in Cot and Alexander Jhonstone messenger in Drumeldrie. Notary: David Wallace.
35. PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT by John Seytoun free holder of lands of Wester and Eister Lauthrisk and Patrick Seytoun fear thereof in favour of John Seytoun as heir to Captain Patrick Seytoun his paternal uncle in an annualrent of 216 merks from the lands of Wester and Eister Lawthrisk.
[Not dated or witnessed – 17th century.]
36. BURGESS TICKET William Wormslay, armiger as burgess of Drumfreis, 4 [], 1642. Sir Cuthbert Cunynghame, clerk,
37. Royal WARRANT appointing [blank] as attorney for Nathaniel Spens of Easter Lathalland. Edinburgh, 17 September 1681.
38. Royal WARRANT appointing [blank] as attorney for Nathaniel Spens of Easter Lathalland. Edinburgh, 1 October 1680.

Items 39-66 are contained in folder 3

39. Copy ASSEDATION Alexander, Bishop of Brechin, in favour of James Guthrie burgess of Edinburgh and Christiane Barron his spouse of the teinds of the lands of Bannabrioth and half of the mill-lands thereof in liferent and for three heirs lives and 90 years thereafter. Edinburgh, 27 January 1577.
40. CONTRACT at Edinburgh 16 September 1575 between Mr Gilbert Skene, doctor of medicine on one part and John Melros, writer burgess of Edinburgh on the other part that the latter shall infet the former and his spouse Agnes Lawson in conjoint fee and heretage in an annual rent of 10 merks from a tenement on the East side of Nudreis wynd in Edinburgh between Nicoll Udwart on the north and Patrick, Lord Lindesay on the South redeemable on payment of 100 merks. Witnesses: James Harlaw, writer, Robert Hendersoun, chirurgion, and Mr John Skene, advocate.
41. Extract registered CONTRACT dated at Edinburgh 10 June 1593 between Mr Gilbert Skene, doctor of medicine and mediciner to the

King on the one part and Mr John Skene advocate and brother german to Mr Gilbert on the other part with Mr James Wardlaw as cautioner whereby for £100 Gilbert sells his tenement on the East side of Nidreis wynd between Nicoll Edward, Provost of Edinburgh on the north, the deceased David Landroke on the South and the deceased Alexander Bynning on the east and also an annualrent of £100 obtained from the deceased John, Lord Glamis from the barony of Glamis but Mr Gilbert reserving the liferent of the tenement to himself and Agnes Lausoun his spouse. Witnesses: William Ogilvie of Craigmelie, Mr James Wardlaw advocate, David Fleschour servitor to Mr John Skene, David Lindsay, Mr James Gray, advocate, Robert Henrysone, Mr Duncan Skene and Patrick Innes. Also registered is an obligation by Mr Gilbert to Mr John for £143 at Edinburgh 18 August 1592. Witnesses: Mr Duncan Skene their brother, David Fleschour, and Thomas Burnet, servitor to Mr Gilbert, also another similar obligation for £7:6:8, £5:9:-, £10, £20 and £100 at Edinburgh 27 September 1594. Witnesses: Mr James Gray, advocate, David Fleschour, and Robert Foullis servitor to Mr Gilbert. Registered 9 November 1596.

42. POINDING at the instance of Mr Duncan Skein, brother germane to Mr John Skein, clerk register against James Guthrie of Eister Balnabreith, Christian Barroun his spouse and Mr James Guthrie their son and apparent heir for nonpayment of two annualrents of £40 and 40 merks due out of the lands of Eister Balnabreith to the pursuer and his heirs whom failing to John Skein, son to Mr John. Edinburgh, 11 March 1594.
43. Part of the CONTRACT for 40 merks referred to in 42. Date and witnesses missing. A witness list engrossed reads John Leslie, younger in Brechin, Alexander Ogilvie servant to James Guthrie, Henry Futhye of Ballysik, John Renny, servant to James Guthrie, Thomas Guthrie son natural to said James Guthrie and Mr Andrew Elder, vicar of Menmuir. [Document much wasted.] With this are (a) a list of writs relating to the two annual rents referred to in 42 and (b) a list of persons with claims on the lands of Eister Balnabreithe before Mr Duncan Skeine's contracts.
44. Extract registered OBLIGATIONS Mr Gilbert Skene, doctor of medicine to Mr John Skene, advocate, his brother, as recorded in 41. Registered Edinburgh, 9 November 1596.
45. CONTRACT at Balnabreyth 12 June 1589 between James Guthrie of Eister Balnabreyth, Christian Barrone his spouse and Mr James Guthrie their son and heir apparent on the one part and Mr Duncan Skene, notary on the other part whereby the former for 600 merks is to grant an annual rent of £40 out of Balnabreyth to the second party and his heirs whom failing to John Skene son to Mr John Skene advocate in Edinburgh. Witnesses: John Leslye younger in Brechin, Alexander Ogilve servant to James Guthrie, John Renny also his servant,

- Thomas Guthrie, son natural to the said James, Henry Futhye of Ballysak and Mr Andrew Elder vicar of Menmuir, notary.
46. EXECUTION dated 30 March & 4 May 1608 by William Hume, unicorn pursevant of a summons of exhibition and declarator at the instance of Janet Drumond spouse to John Skeine of Hallyeardis against Francis, Charles and Cathrine Skeines children to the deceased Mr Thomas Skeine, advocate being furth of Scotland and [] Hepburn relict of the said Mr Thomas. Witnesses: Donald Camerone and Robert Wilson messenger in Edinburgh.
47. Copy RETOUR in Aberdeen sheriff court 30 September 1600 of Mr Gilbert Skene as heir to his father Mr James Skene of Westercors in an annual rent of 35 merks 6 shillings and 8 pence from the lands of Wester Corss and Northam in the parish of Coull, Aberdeenshire. Inquest: William Forbes of Tolqhone, Patrick Copland of Udoche, Arthur Skene, portioner of Auchterdine, Thomas Douglas, burgess of Aberdeen, Thomas Ciding, burgess there, Alexander Mollyson, burgess there, Mr John Robertson burgess there, James Donaldson burgess there, Alexander Alschonar, burgess there, James Forbes, burgess there, Andrew Lyon in Ardothe, Andrew Gray at Mill of Fowerne, Andrew Straquhan in Gugisardoth, Mr John Lumsdean at Bridge of Don and Patrick Lesly in Chepilton.
48. ORDER at Edinburgh 14 July 1601 at the instance of Sir James Sandelandis of Slamanno Kt and Mr Thomas Hammilton of Drumcairne, advocate against Margaret Robertsons daughter and heir of the deceased Mr Nicoll Robertsons notary and John Davidson her spouse to produce her fathers protocol book to prove the resignation made by the deceased Dame Janet Murray, Lady Torphichen on 10 July 1560 of the lands of Halzairds and Halbarnis in the hands of the deceased James Lord Torphichen her spouse, reserving her liferent, relating to an action raised by John Earl of Mar and James Murray.
49. SUMMONS at Edinburgh 8 December 1601 at the instance of Sir James Sandelandis of Slamanno, Kt and Mr Thomas Hammiltoun of Drumcairne, advocate against James Sandelandis of Calder, Lord of Torphichin Thomas Bynning in Torphichin, James Murray brother to the deceased Dame Janet Murray, Lady Torphichin, Mr Peter Zoung of Seytoun and Alexander Craufurd of Keras relating to a resignation alleged to have been made by the said Dame Janet on 10 July 1560 in favour of the deceased James Lord Torphichin of the lands of Halzairdis and Halbarnis reserving only her liferent.
50. FIXING OF PROOF at Edinburgh 3 July 1602 for 12 July for John Earl of Mar and James Murray of Halzairds to produce Thomas Barbour, James Stalker, James Bowie and Mr Peter Young as witnesses in action at their instance against Mr Edward Merschell clerk of the commissariat of Edinburgh, Magdalen Barroun, relict of Mr James Richie, clerk of the said commissariat, James Sandelandis of Calder, Sir James Sandelandis of Slamanno concerning a process of

adherence at the instance of the deceased Janet Murray, lady Torphichen against the deceased James, Lord Torphichen her spouse.

51. CONTINUATION at Edinburgh 5 January 1602 in the action described in 49.
52. Copy INSTRUMENT OF SASINE
- (a) dated 18 November 1661 for the lands of Carnquhin, Ramore, Catterloch and Tilnaboe and mill of Ramore in the parish of Banchorie Trinitie, in Kincardineshire in favour of Robert Skein of Ramore following on a precept of clare constat by Sir Alexander Burnet of Leys Bt as superior. Baillie for sasine James Burnet in Ramore [the Precept says he is heir to his grandfather Mr Gilbert Skein of Waster Corss and is dated at Banchorie 8 November 1661 witnesses: Robert Douglas of Tilliequhillie, William Coutts of Clunie and John Kennedie of Stroma.] Witnesses to sasine: John Kennedie in Catterloch, Alexander Anderson in Ramore, James Smith servitor to Robert Skein and Robert Mearnis at mill of Ramore. Notary: Robert Ross.
 - (b) dated [] April 1606 for the lands of Ramollot in the barony of Clunie, Aberdeenshire for Robert Skein son of the deceased Mr James Skein of Wester Cors following on alienation by Mr James Skein second son of Sir John Skein of Currihill, Baillie for sasine Robert Forbes of Eister Tolmeid. Charter & precept of sasine written by John Robertson notary in Ramollot at Edinburgh 23 February 1606. Witnesses: Patrick Innes and Walter Crawford. Witnesses to sasine: Robert Forbes in Ramollot, Walter Donald there, William Ramsay there and Thomas Reid servitor to Robert Skein. Notary: John Robertson.
 - (c) dated 27 August 1605 for the lands of Rumollot in favour of Mr James Skein, clerk register, son of Sir John Skein of Allich, Kt following on alienation by Sir John Skein of Urchil and Helen Sumervell his spouse. Baillie for sasine Mr Gilbert Skeyne of Waster Corss. Witnesses: Robert Skeyne of Tullebirloche, Robert Skeyn servitor to Mr James Skeyne, Duncan Forbes son of John Forbes of Camphir, Patrick Innes servitor to Sir John Skeyne of Corrihill and Walter Crawford, servitor to Mr James Skeyne.
53. CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE dated at Edinburgh 17 December 1607 between Sir John Skene of Curryhill Kt, clerk of his hienes register, Mr James Skene, fear of Curryhill and Mr John Skene, younger his sons on behalf of Katherine Skene, his daughter on the one part and Mr Alexander Hay of Forrestersaitt, senator of the College of Justice on the other part whereby the said Mr Alexander is to infeft his wife in the lands of Drumkintie and the lands of Scottistounhill in the barony of Kilmalemok in Elgin and also that manse with yard and doocot of the vicarage of Elgin founded within the Cathedral college of Elgin,

bounded as specified and also a life interest in an annual rent of 10,000 merks. A tocher of 6000 merks is to be provided for Katherine. Witnesses: Mr William Scott of Elie, Mr Robert Lermonth of St Nicolas, advocate, Mr James Carmichaell, minister at Hadingtoun, Walter Hay, brother to the said Mr Alexander, Walter Hay servitor to the said Mr Robert Lermonth and Alexander Dunlop writer whose servitor William Young writes the document.

54. WARRANT at Edinburgh 28 May 1607 at the instance of Sir James Sandielandis of Slamannomure Kt for horning against James Johnnstoun, notary, sometime in Torphichin and now in Blaikburne for non compearance in the action of improbation against the said Mr James by Sir Thomas Hammiltoun of Monkland Kt advocate, James Murray of Halyards, John Cambell of Arkinglas, John Erle of Mar etc,
55. INTERLOCUTOR at Edinburgh, [1606] in the case referred to in 49. [Much wasted by damp].
56. WARRANT for letters of horning at Edinburgh 1 July 1609 at the instance of James Murray of Halzairdis against Robert Stewart baillie in Lynlythgow, James Mekill there, James Johnsoun, notary there, Robert Small flesher there, William Kaa there, James Keilling messenger there, Henry Keir there, John Inglis in Harwod, Thomas Diksone in Edinburgh, and Mr Robert Gimour, minister at Calder for non compearance as witnesses in an action against James, Lord of Torphichen, Sir James Sandelandis of Slamanno Kt, Robert Heriot, younger of Trabroun, Thomas Inglis in Auld [lisone], Bessie Muirhame his spouse, Thomas Inglis younger his son there, George Spens elder there, George Spens younger there, David Spens there, Patrick Barroun there, John Stevinsone there, James Samuell there, Alexander Wilkie there, and Alexander Mathie there relating to the lands of Halbarnis and Halzairdis.
57. SUMMONS OF CONTINUATION at the instance of James, Lord of Torphichen against Sir James Sandelands of Slamanno, Kt and others, Edinburgh, 20 May 1609.
58. INVENTORY of writs relating mainly to the lands of Ramalloch (Ramollet) and Wester Corse belonging to the Skene family, 1593-1662. (13 docs listed).
59. INVENTORY of bonds and debts owed to [? Skene] 1637-45.
60. MINUTES of decreets in processes anent Halzairds 1601-13.
61. MINUTES of decreets in processes anent Halzairds, 1601-12.
62. INVENTORY of writs relating to wadsets on the lands of Balnabreich, 1583-95 [23 burdens listed].
63. MINUTES in process anent the house of Lothquott (Halzairdis) 1598-99.
64. NOTES on the writs of Halzairdis, 1540-1618. [c. 1618].
65. NOTES on the retour of Mr John Skene younger as heir to Mr Duncan Skene, notary in Perth 1602.
66. INVENTORY, writs of Halzairds and Halbarns, 1579-1634.

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67. CHARTER by Robert Stewart of Rossyth in favour of Agnes Scrymgeour spouse of Peter Bruce apparent of Erlishall and their heirs failing which the heirs of Peter Bruce of the middle third of the lands of Cragy in the barony of Rossyth to be held in fee. Baillie for sesine William Barklay. At Edinburgh, 6 August 1558. Witnesses: William Galt, David Grege and Finlay Martin.
68. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 16 June 1576 in favour of David Seitoun son of Alexander Seitoun brother german of John Seitoun, laird of Lawthrisk of an annualrent of 10 merks out of the lands of Wodderisbie following on a charter by James Sandilandis, junior of Sanctmonanis and Elizabeth Strang his spouse. Witnesses: John Robertson and John Ferny in Woddirisbie. Notary: David Donaldson.
69. CHARTER by James Sandilandis, junior of Sanctmonanis with consent of Elizabeth Strange his spouse in favour of David Seitoun, son of Alexander Seitoun brother german of John Seitoun of Lawthrisk of an annualrent of 10 merks out of the lands of Woddirisbie. At Wodderisbie, 10 July 1576. Witnesses: Thomas Maknewn, armiger, James Braid in Wodheid, and John Bruce servant to the granter. David Donaldson notary attests Elizabeth Strang's subscription.
70. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 7 May 1611 in favour of David Kinloch son of John Kinloch portioner of Luthrie as heir to his father in an eighth part of the lands of Luthrie following on a Royal writ. Baillie for sasine: John Halkerstoun portioner of Luthrie. Witnesses: Andrew Clerk, portioner of Luthrie, Thomas Beruick there, David Garioche there, John Stenhous, there, Thomas Ramsay in Star, James Lessellis servitor of Michael, lord Balfour of Burlie. Notary: Stephen Paterson, steward of Fife.
71. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 19 December 1588 in favour of James Hoip in Stokistruther following on a charter by Archibald Auckinlek of Cunilege of the third part of the lands of Stokistruther in the barony of Aldroxbrugh in the Sheriffdom of Roxbrughe, Baillie for sasine Thomas Ker in Trowis. Charter dated at Edinburgh, 20 Nov. 1588. Witnesses: Patrick Slich in Birkinsyde, Thomas Blakie in St Leonards near Edinburgh, James Bryden in Rutterfurde, George Blaikie in Stokistruther, Robert Davidsoun in Thankless, William Lyndesay servant to Archibald Auchinlek, John Robesoun and James Logane, notaries. Witnesses to sasine: John Symson in Roxbrughe, Andrew Dun there, George Lumesdane in Stokistruther, George Blaikie there, Robert Davidsoun in Thankless. Notary: Robert Mentey.
72. PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT by John, Earl of Hadingtoun to George Halyburtoun of Pendicle to give sasine to John Halyburtoun now of Murislaw as heir to George Halyburtoun of Murislaw son of James Halyburton of Murislaw father's brother to the said John of the

- lands of Murislaw with part of the marsh of Fairnyngtoun to be held in feu for £12:6:8 annually. At Newmercat, 14 March 1614. Witnesses: David Drummond, Andrew Haitlie and Mr George Herreis.
73. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 21 July 1618 in favour of Robert Hope, son and heir of James Hope in Stokstruder in a half of a third part of Stokstruder in succession to his father following on a precept of clare constat by Robert Earl of Roxburghe dated at Edinburgh 13 July 1613. Witnesses: Mr Thomas Nicolsone advocate and Alexander Cunninghame, writer in Edinburgh, Baillie for sasine James Hope in Stokstruder. Witnesses: George Blaike, George Hop, James Blaikdam and Andrew Jamiesone in Stokstruder. Notary: Robert Andersone.
74. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 9 April 1642 in favour of John Hope in Stockstruther in a half of a third part of the lands of Stockstruther following on a charter by Robert Earl of Roxburghe once belonging to Archibald Auchinleck of Cumladye. Baillie for sasine Gavin Elliott of Grange. Charter dated at Cannogait, 20 November 1641. Witnesses: Andrew Ker of Clatto, Alexander Don clerk of Kelso, John Lermont W.S. Witnesses to sasine: Andrew Lumsdeane in Stockstruther, John Hendersone there, George Lumsdeane there and John Curle there. Notary: Alexander Den.
75. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 9 April 1642 in favour of William Hope, son and heir of deceased Robert Hope in Stockstruther by his attorney, John Wyllie in Stockstruther in a half of a third part of the lands of Stockstruther once belonging to the deceased Archibald Auchinleck of Cumladye as heir to his father following on a precept by Robert, Earl of Roxburgh. Baillie for sasine: Gavin Elliot of Grange. Witnesses: Andrew Lumsdeane in Stockstruther, John Hendersone there, George Lumsdeane there and John Curle there. Notary: Alexander Den.
76. INSTRUMENT OF RESIGNATION dated 20 November 1641 of John Leirmont, W.S. as procurator for William Hope, son and heir of the deceased Robert Hope in Stockstruther in favour of John Hope in Stockstruther of the half of the third part of Stockstruther formerly pertaining to Archibald Auchinleck of Cumledge. Witnesses: Patrick McKie of Larg, Andrew Ker of Chatto, Andrew Ker and John Lucas servitors to Robert, Earl of Roxburghe.
77. CHARTER under the Great Seal in favour of George Clappertoun son of the deceased Mr John Clappertoun, minister at Ednem, of the lands and barony of Ednem etc. following an adjudication from Andrew Edmondstoune of Ednem for a. debt of 6460 merks 9s. 3d. Dated 13 February 1665. [Seal fragment only].
78. Double RENUNCIATION of an annual rent of £66:18:8 furth of the lands and barony of Aden by Robert Dundas of Arniestoun with consent of Sir Charles Areskine of Ava in favour of George Earl Marischal. (1688) [Fragment].

79. RECEIPTS by James Fiddes [? schoolmaster] to Christian Hope in Stockstruther for salary etc., 1757-73.
- (An early leather charter bag contained items 80-84)
80. CHARTER by Archibald Auchinlek of Cumledge in favour of James Hoip in Stokstruder of half of a third part of the lands of Stokstruder to be held in fee from Robert Ker fear of Cesfuird. Baillie for sasine Thomas Ker in Hollis. At Edinburgh 20 November 1588. Witnesses: Patrick Sleich in Birkinsyid, Thomas Blaikie in St Leonards near Edinburgh, James Braidyne in Rutherfuird, George Blaikie and James Logane, notaries public.
81. CONFIRMATION CHARTER by Robert Ker fear of Cesfuird of document no. 80. At Jedburgh, 18 November 1590. Witnesses: Thomas Ker of Masindew, Thomas Duncansoun, minister in Bowdon, Mr George Douglass and Robert Meylel notaries.
82. PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT by Robert, Earl of Roxburgh in favour of Robert Hope as heir to his father James Hope in Stokstruder of a half of a third part of the lands of Stokstruder. Written by Richard Mosman notary at Edinburgh 13 July 1618. Witnesses: Mr Thomas Nicolsoun, advocate and Alexander Conynghame, writer in Edinburgh.
83. PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT by Robert, Earl of Roxburgh in favour of William Hope as heir to his father Robert Hope in Stokstruder of a half of a third part of the lands of Stokstruder. Written by George Sibbald servitor to John Leirmont, W.S. At Cannogait, 20 November 1641. Witnesses: Andrew Ker of Chatto, Alexander Don, clerk of Kelso and John Leirmont. [Seal – fair].
84. CHARTER by Robert, Earl of Roxburgh in favour of John Hope in Stokstruder and his heirs of the half of the third part of the lands of Stokstruder which formerly pertained to William Hope son and heir to the deceased Robert Hope in Stokstruder. At Cannogait, 20 November 1641. Witnesses: Andrew Ker of Chatto, Alexander Don, clerk of Kelso and John Leirmont, W.S. whose servant George Sibbald writes the document. [Seal – fair].

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85. SUMMONS at the instance of James Murray of Halzardis against his tenants of Halkernis and Toddishauch for nonpayment of rent - Joseph Dowglas in Halkernis and Elizabeth Thomesoun his spouse, Alexander Mathy there, John Wilsoun there, James Sammell there, John Bell in Halbernis, Marioun Dicksoun, Thomas Tait in Halbernis, James Zoung in Toddishauch and Margaret Polwarth, James Wast her son and James Zoung her spouse. Edinburgh, 24 March 1597. [On an attached sheet is a rental of the lands].

86. LETTER Sir John Skene to John Norton stationer in London about certain books given to him by Skenes servant, James Skene on 15 June 1610. He has now given authority to his son Mr John Skene to deal with the matter, n.p. n.d. [1612 or later] [Bears cancelled beginning of discharge by Mr John Skene to Barbara Nortoun executor of John Norton for]
87. SUMMONS at the instance of John Earl of Mar, Dame Marie Stewart countess of Mar his spouse and John Murray of Touchadame against James, Lord Torphichen for reduction of a decret arbitral anent the lands of Lochcoitis, Todishauche, Halbarnes, Listoun and Halzairdis dated 19 August 1618, Edinburgh, 8 February 1619.
88. NOTE of Curriehill papers, 1625-1814. [2 documents listed.]
89. DIPLOMA of master of arts awarded to John Skene [of Halyards] at Edinburgh University, 27 July 1628.
90. ACCOUNT of payment due to the Exchequer by Mr John Skene fear of the barony of Halzairdis to 14 July 1634. Received by Sir Henry Wardlaw, Bt.
91. LETTER Dr Davissone to Mr John Skein. Advises Skene to make for Paris to be cut for the stone where are the most skilly men in Europe. Paris, 27 January 1637.
92. Fragment of an extract registered DISCHARGE laird of Bruntsfield to Mr John Skene, Edinburgh and Haddington 10 & 12 July 1637.
93. RENTAL of Halzairdis crop 1638 with full information about the tacks. [On the back is "A not that I had of Thomas Grosier, my hird, concerning muirland rouns"].
94. LETTER John Seton to the laird of Tibertis (Tipperty) sending pieces of wood as a cure for the gravel for recipient's wife and his cousin Mr John Skene. Auchquhorthy, 17 June 1638.
95. NOTE relating to Robert Skene of Ramor(e)'s lands of Tamequhinn, 1500-1662.
96. LETTER William Brown to Mr George Skein in Danzigh. Sends sweet bread. Thoren, 10 August 1663.
97. RECEIPT John Skein burges of Dumferling to Mr John Skein of Hallyairds for £20 Scots as annual rent due on 500 merks. Dated 3 May 1664.
98. LETTER Hew Broun to his cousin Mrs Helen Skine. Asks recipient to let him know her mind about some matter. Edinburgh, 1 May 1666.
99. LETTER James Gordon to Mr George Skene of Fintray. Sends bill for £700 payable to recipient's nephew, Robert Skene, Amsterdam, 27 February 1669.
Endorsed: "Received the 10 of March 1669 in Aberdeen".
100. EXTRACTS from documents in Skene Box, 1670-1705, relating amongst others to David Skene, merchant in Zamoscig, Poland and Robert Skene, treasurer of Aberdeen. [19th century compilation.]
101. HORNING AND POINDING at the instance of John Arthur, merchant burgess of Edinburgh against John Skein of Halyeards for

nonpayment of part of a bond of £54 dated 11 January 1672, granted to Robert Handiside, merchant in Edinburgh and assigned to the complainer 18 May 1672. Edinburgh, 11 December 1672. Endorsed with execution dated 23 December 1672 by Robert Wallace, messenger. Witnesses John Steinstoune in Clestanhall and James Innes in Edinburgh.

102. LETTER John [Turner] to George Skien of Wasterfintrie. Election of John Sobieski; political and economic situation in Poland; refers to Mr Aidie and Mr Seaton. Dantzic, 30 May 1674.
103. LETTER J[ames] Skene to his brother John Skene of Hailzairds (to be found at Hew Brouns chirugien at the back of the Tollbuith in Edinbrough). Is to leave London with Old Nidderie & [Sir?] George Lockhart; has received £10 from Mr Donaldson & John Swinton will supply the rest. London, 18 December 1675.
104. EXTRACT from letters by Mr John Turner, Dantzig and other foreign merchants to Sir George Skene, 1676-88 [made by W.F. Skene].
105. ACCOUNT rendered by Robert Hamilton to old lady Halzardis for cloth etc, 7 January 1676.
106. Draft COMMISSION to John Skeine, mariner, indweller in Bredsnose to go to Holland to get a merchant ship of 100 and [] tons with equipment built and equipped to be brought to the harbour of Leith. Written by William Hall writer in Edinburgh. [1680].
107. LETTER James Kennedy to John Skene of Hallyards at the Venetian coffee house in the Pellmell, Westminster, London. About preventing Stephen Lynch, consul of Bridges exacting dues from Scottish ships. Calais, 21 November 1685.
108. LETTER J Skene to Lady Hallzairds. About writer's children; writer's brother returning from [London] as his business is done. Edinburgh, 21 April 1686.
109. LETTER Alice Paterson to Elizabeth Skine at Edinburgh. Arrangements for sending a horse to fetch her; commission to engage a servant to cook, bake and clean with minute directions as to her duties and abilities. Dalmahoy, 10 April 1704,
110. Miscellaneous NOTES c. 1705.
111. LETTER Hew Broun to John Skene of Halzairds to be left at the Earl of Lauderdale's lodgings to be sent with the first occasion for him at Thirlston Castill. About writer's son's wife's tocher. Valefield, 23 July 1707.
112. SUMMONS OF EXHIBITION AND DECLARATION at the instance of Janet Drummond spouse to John Skeen of Hallyyards against (Francis, Charles and Cathrine Skeine out of the country, executed 30 March 1708, and John Hepburne, James and Elizabeth Skene within the country, executed 4 May 1708). Edinburgh, 26 December 1707.
113. LETTER J Brown to his uncle [John Skene of Hallyards]. Thanks for agreeing to be trustee for his wife's tocher. Durham, 5 August 1707.

114. Copy TESTAMENT of Ensign John Skein murdered by ----- Cartett 8 September 1707. [Copy made 1819].
115. LETTER John Skene to the laird of Halyards to be found at his lodgings in the Tylours land, Cowgate, Edinburgh. Asks him to look amongst his brother Thomas's papers for documents relating to the Earl of Lowdon belonging to the writer. Edinburgh 11 February 1710.
116. LETTER John Wilkie to the laird of Halyards at his lodgings in the Cowgate, Edinburgh. Wife has been delivered of a son. Hopetone house, 4 August 1711.
117. LETTER Margaret Johnstone to Mrs Elizabeth Sken at Hopetoun house. About lending money to Mrs Christy, Edinburgh, 2 October 1711.
118. LETTER Frances Skeen to his uncle Captain John Skene of Halyards at his lodgings in the Taylors land over against the meal market, Edinburgh, North Britain. Writer's mother's death; wishes just portion secured; suspicious of sister Elizabeth. Ghent, 30 January 1711/12.
119. LETTER Janet Drummond to her husband [John Skene of Halyards]. Reminds him to look after various business affairs. Uphall, 17 February 1713.
120. DISCHARGE Frances Broun, relict of James Vert writer in Edinburgh to Mr Robert Kinkaid of Gogarmains for £20 Scots as part of a bill drawn on him to her by Frances Fullarton his spouse. At Edinburgh, 3 June 1717. Witnesses: Mr Robert Skeen minister of the gospel and Thomas Spark writer in Edinburgh,
121. LETTER Hugh Skene to his mother, sisters and brother (to the Lady Halyards living in the Skinners Closs, Edinburgh) Farewell letter as he is dying; asks them to look after his wife and children. Tournay, 23 July 1724. [Printed in Memorials of the family of Skene of Skene p. 225-226. Ex Curriehill Charter Chest].
122. LETTER Pieternella van Sorgen to her mother in law Lady Halyards in the Skinners Closs in Edinburgh. About expenses of sending her son Drummondus to Scotland; her bad financial condition; her daughter Helina. Tournay, 24 February 1725.
123. LETTER George Currie to his cousin Elizabeth Currie relict of Lt George Skene of Halyards. Is glad recipient has got tutorship of her children; wishes news of friends, Athlone, 1 January 1735/6.
124. DEPOSITION by Janet Bauchop spouse to John Leishman, chairmaster in Edinburgh and her husband, Elizabeth Cairns, spouse to Walter Pearson, printer in Edinburgh and her husband and Peter Robertson, late brewer in Water of Leith that Lieutenant George Skene deceased of the Scots Fusiliers and Elizabeth Currie lived together as man and wife in 1730-31 and were reputed so by the neighbourhood and that they had two children. Edinburgh, 26 July 1733.
125. CONSENT by James Watson of Scuchton as having right by adjudication to the lands of Overgogarmains that Elizabeth Curry relict

of Lt George Skene of the Royal Regiment of North British Fusiliers as tutrix to John Skene who also has right by an adjudication originally led at the instance of Alexander Arbuthnot, merchant and late baillie Edinburgh that she might renounce her right to crops 1734-36 in favour of John Kincaid son to the deceased Mr Robert Kincaid of Overgogarmains. Written by John Chalmer servitor to Andrew Chalmer writer in Edinburgh. At Edinburgh, 28 March 1735. Witnesses: George Somervell and John Gray, clerks to Mr Hugh Somervell, W.S.

126. LETTER Francis Skeen to his cousin Madam Skeen living next closs to Weirs Land, Cannongate, Edinburgh by Donachadee and Port Patrick. Answers letter about her affairs - wrongs by Mr Kincaid; she should apply to Sir James Wood or Col Fleming and have benefit of an officer's widow. Charles Fort, 21 January 1737/8.
127. PETITION of Alexander Kincaid, bookseller in Edinburgh relating to action involving Thomas and John Kincaid, eldest and second son to Mr Robert Kincaid of Overgogarmains and Lt George Skeen on various burdens on Overgogarmains, 22 February 1737. [Printed].
128. ACCOUNT of the family of Skene of Skene. 8ff. ["copied from an old MS 28.5.1803"].
129. ACCOUNT rendered by Mauss Don to the laird of Halzeards for buttons and also to Captain Drummond for the same. n.d. [mid 17th century].
130. PETITION by Captain John Skein of Hallyeards to John, Earl of Roxburgh for payment of bond for £45-15- English granted by the deceased Lord Henry Ker of Cesfoord to the deceased Robert Ker brother german to the laird of Mesington to which Skene has right as sister's son. n.d. [c.1680].
131. LIST of bonds in which Hallyeards and Carlowrie are bound, 1672-83. n.d. [c. 1684].
132. LIST of Carlowrie's debts in parts of which Hallyeards, Mr Alexander Drummond, George and James Drummond are bound. n.d. [c.1684].
133. Draft PETITION to the commissary of Lauder by Marie and Anna Ker, sisters to the deceased Robert Ker, brother german to Thomas Ker of Mersington with Mr John Skene of Halzairdis and Alexander Trotter of Chesteris their husbands for their interest as executors of the said Robert who died 165[]. [Incomplete.] n.d. [mid 17th century].
134. LETTER of Mr Andrew Skene to Mr John Skene of Halzairdis. About Mr Alexander Skene needing money. n. p., n.d. [mid 17th century].
135. LIST of debts due by Carlowry and his cautioners, n.d. [c. 1684].
136. LIST of Carlowry's debts, n.d. [c. 1684].
137. Draft DECREET ARBITRAL between Sir John Skene and his son, Sir James, Mr John, Mr Alexander and Mr William Skene. [middle of document only] n.d. [before 1614]
138. NOTE of documents to be got from Lord Torphichen about lands of Hallyards. n.d. [early 17th century]

- 139. STORY of the origin or the surname Naughtie in a homicide by a servant of Kilravock, n.d. [mid 17th century].
- 140. INVENTORY of Skene documents, 1670-1709. [19th century j
- 141. GENEALOGY of Sir John Skene, clerk register, Lord Curriehill [mid 17th century].
- 142. GENEALOGY of the family of Skene of Curriehill and Hallyards. n.d. [late 18th century].
- 143. Letter Sir John Preston of Pennycook to Mr John Skene of Hallyards. About bond; mentions Mr Alexander Skene and recipient's cousin, Mr John Skene. 24 April 1637.

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- 144. ACCOUNT between John Skene of Halyeards and Mr Thomas Skene, 1690-99. 1700.
- 145. TESTAMENT DATIVE of Mr Thomas Skein, advocat who deceased November 1700. Inventory given up by Beatrix Hepburne his relict. [part torn away] after 16 August 1701.
- 146. Copy DISPOSITION by Elisabeth Ker, relict of Mr Christopher Irvein, Dr of medicine in. Edinburgh to her son, John Irveine of a bond for 1200 merks granted by Sir William Ker of Greenhead, Kt., Bt & Major James Murray of Chirrietreets dated 18 February 1695; a bond for £550 granted by Christopher Irvein of Castle Irvein in the county of Farmanoch Dr of medicine with Patrick, Lord Polworth as cautioner to Mr Thomas Skene advocate on 23 September 1698 and assigned 18 March 1699. At Edinburgh 1 March 1701. Witnesses: Patrick Scot who writes the document and John Paterson, cordiner.
- 147. PRECEPT OF ARRESTMENT at the instance of Janet Drummond, lady Halyeards and Captain John Skein of Halyeards her husband and Mr George, Charles, Hugh, Eupham, Janet, Helen, Elizabeth and Beatrix Skein their children and Robert Kincaid husband to the said Janet, against Charles, Francis, Elizabeth and Francis Skein children to the deceased Mr Thomas Skein advocate and [] Hepburne his relict against who action is pending. Edinburgh, 15 August 1702.
- 148. ACCOUNT of the money resting of the price of Halyeards at Whitsunday, 1703.
- 149. PETITION by John Skeen of Hallyeards and Janet Drummond his lady to the commissioners of supply and excise of the sherifffdom of Edinburgh about their liability for brewing tax, and answer of the commissioners, 14 June 1703.
- 150. MEMORANDUM of the process of Edward Marjoribanks against the representatives, relict and creditors of the deceased Mr Thomas Skeen. [c. 1705].
- 151. MEMORANDUM for Halzeards about effect of marriage contract between Mr Alexander Suintoun of Mersingtoun one of the Senators

- of the College of Justice with consent of Thomas Ker dated 1666 with reminder to John Skene of Halzeards, 1705.
152. MEMORANDUM for Halzeards about effect of marriage contract between Mr Alexander Suintoun of Mersingtoun one of the Senators of the College of Justice with consent of Thomas Ker dated 1666 with reminder to John Skene of Halzeards, 1705.
 153. Double INTERLOCUTOR in the action of Edward Marjoribanks against the creditors of Mr Thomas Skene, 27 June 1705.
 154. ACCOUNT of Beatrix Hepburn relict of Mr Thomas Skene's intromissions with the moveables of her husband, 1705.
 155. LETTER John Skene to Mr James Deas, writer in Edinburgh. Business affairs. Thirlston Castle, 18 June 1706.
 156. MEMORIAL for libelling the summons of exhibition ad deliberandum at Halyards instance against Hogg of Ramore, 1708.
 157. ACT by Court of Session 7 January 1708 in favour of John Skeen of Halyards allowing to inspect certain papers of Mr Thomas Skeen, advocate sequestrate by the courts order.
 158. MEMORIAL to prove right of John Skeen of Halyards as heir to Skeen of Ramore.
 159. BOND OF RELIEF by Alison Skeen, relict of Sir Alexander Swinton of Mersingtoun, senator of the college of justice to Captain John Skeen of Hallyards as cautioner in a bond of £40 Scots to John Brown notary in Kelso. At Edinburgh, 12 September 1710. Witnesses: Thomas Taylor, baxter burghess of Edinburgh and John Allan writer in Edinburgh.
 160. MEMORANDUM for Skene of Halyards on his claim to the estate of Ramore as heir male, 1710.
 161. Extract registered DISCHARGE Frances Fullarton, daughter to the deceased Mr William Fullarton of Craighall to her husband Mr Robert Kincaid of Overgogarmains for 1000 merks due under her contract of marriage. At Edinburgh, 6 April 1704. Witnesses: Alexander Kincaid goldsmith in Edinburgh and Alexander Kincaid writer in Edinburgh. Registered Edinburgh, 14 March 1712.
 162. PETITIONS for John Skein of Halyards to the Lords of Council of Session that he might have delivered up to him certain documents from Thomas Skein's cabinet which is in the court's hand. 17 June 1712 [printed].
 163. DISCHARGE Charles, Earl of Lauderdale to Mr Robert Kincaid of Gogarmaines for 80 bolls bear, 32 bolls wheat, 32 bolls as two years fueduty of Overgogarmaines for 1711-12 and for 4 bolls 3 firlots meal, 3 bolls bear and six firlots wheat. At Edinburgh 1 February 1714. Witnesses: John Corss, writer in Edinburgh and Alexander Kincaid, writer in Edinburgh.
 164. MEMORADUM on affairs between Edward Marjoribanks of Halyards and the deceased Mr Thomas Skene, advocate, 1714.

165. MEMORANDUM on Lord Mersingtoun's contract of marriage with Alison Skeen, eldest daughter to John Skeen of Halyairds, 26 April 1666, 1714.
166. Copies of ASSIGNATIONS viz.
- (a) Thomas Dalmahoy, son and heir to the deceased Robert Dalmahoy one of the creditors and adjudgers of Samwell Drummond of Carlowry's estate to Mr Thomas Skene, advocate of certain rights over the estate of Carlowry now in the hands of Henry Sinclair of Carlowry. At Edinburgh 7 December 1695. Witnesses: Mr William Stirling W.S. and James Reid, servitor to Mr Thomas Skeen,
 - (b) John Hope, late provost Peebles as having right from James Tweddy, creditor as above of rights as in (a). At Edinburgh 19 December 1695. Witnesses: David Denham writer in Edinburgh and James Reid as above.
 - (c) Sir John Gibson of Pentland heir to Sir Alexander Gibson his father, creditor as above of rights as in (a). At Edinburgh 22 February 1696. Witnesses: George Gibson, clerk of session and Thomas Gibson, brothers to the granter.
 - (d) Beatrix Lumsden, spouse to Andrew Kerr portioner of Dudingstoun with consent of her husband and of Beatrix Melvell relict of Mr Charles Lumsden minister at Dudingstoun her mother and of Mr Michael Lumsden, advocate, creditor as above of rights as in (a). At Edinburgh and Dudingstoun, 13 September 1695. Witnesses: Charles and John Thomson indwellers in Dudingstoun, James Allan, son to William Allen portioner of Dudingstoun, Alexander Neilson writer in Edinburgh and Charles Bell, writer in Edinburgh.
 - (e) James Weir, son to William Weir tutor of Blackwood, Archibald and George Stirling sons to Archibald Stirling in Hillhead of Evendale creditors as above of rights as in (a). At Edinburgh 4 March 1696 Witnesses: Mr George Diksone of Buchtrig, advocate and Mr William Stirling W.S.
167. PETITION Beatrix Hepburn, relict of Mr Thomas Skeen, advocate, John Jollie and George Watson merchants in Edinburgh and the representatives of Sir James Turner to the Court of Session for access to certain documents of Mr Thomas Skeen in possession of the court, with deliverances February - August 1704.
168. MEMORANDUM for Lt. George Skeen about the estate of Ramore, 1720.
169. Draft BOND OF PROVISION by Mr Robert Kincaid of Gogarmains and Thomas Kincaid his eldest son in favour of Elizabeth Murray spouse to the said Thomas, 1721.
170. FIARS PRICES for the sherifffdom of Edinburgh, crop of 1722.
171. INVENTORY of bonds and bills in Lieutenant George Sken's cabinet at Edinburgh, 1727.

172. TESTAMENT DATIVE of Bernard Ross, periwig maker, St Martin in the Fields, London by his executor Lt George Skeen in the Royal Regiment of Scots Fuzeliers, Edinburgh, 7 October 1730.
173. INVENTORY of silver plate and linnings left by Captain George Skene with his sisters, 14 July 1731.
174. Extract registered DISCHARGE John Belsches of Toftis, advocate to Mr John Skene of Halyardis for 12,000 merks due by marriage contract dated 11 March 1631 between his eldest son Mr Alexander Belsches advocate and Jean Skene daughter to the said Mr John and Alison Rig his spouse. At Edinburgh 14 June 1631. Witnesses: Mr Alexander Gibsoun younger fear of Durie, Mr Andrew Aytoun of Logy, advocate and Mr John Rollocke his servitor. Extracted Edinburgh, 4 August 1631.
175. INFORMATION for the creditors of Mr David Thoires, for the children of the deceased Lt George Skeen against Elizabeth and James Skeens, children and assignees to Beatrix Hepburn. [February 1734]. [Printed].
176. Short CASE of the creditors of Sir David Thoires in the question betwixt them and Elizabeth and James Skeen, 3 December 1734. [Printed].
177. INVENTORY of writs belonging to John Skene, son of Lt George Skene ... in order to get conveyance of Bonds to the said John, 12 December 1734.
178. Copy REPORT by the magistrates of Edinburgh of the commission directed to them by the spiritual court of Canterbury about proving marriage between Elizabeth Carrie and Lt George Skene, 15 January 1735.
179. ANSWERS for John Skeen of Hallyards to the two petitions against him by Robert Hog designed of Ramone and John Dowglass of Tilliquhill and David Dowglass of Blairdregine, n.d.
180. Double of 179.
181. DECREE in the prorogative court of Canterbury in favour of Elizabeth Currie as relict of Lt George Skene against the claim of Helen Skene and Elizabeth Russell, his sisters to be his heirs, 26 June 1735.
182. SUMMONS OF AWAKENING AND TRANSFERRANCE at the instance of Alexander Kincaid, bookseller in Edinburgh against [Elizabeth] Skeen as only sister german of the deceased John Skeen in an action relating to the lands of Overgogarmains. Executed by Alexander Martine, Isla herald, 30 June, 1743. Witnesses: William McLagan writer in Edinburgh & William Mitchell indweller there.
183. MEMORIAL for Mrs [Elizabeth] Skeen and her daughter Elizabeth on succession to estates of Lt George Skeen and right over lands of Overgogarmains, 14 November 1743.
184. INVENTORY of writs produced by Elizabeth Skene only daughter and heir of the deceased Lt George Skene of the Scots Fuseliers and by Elizabeth Curry her mother and curatrix in the process of reduction at the instance of Alexander Kincaid bookseller in Edinburgh adjudger of the lands of Over Gogarmains and assignee in trust for John Kincaid

- only son to the deceased Mr Robert Kincaid elder and brother to the deceased Thomas Kincaid younger of Overgogarmains, 12 January 1744.
185. CONDESCENDENCE of the special reasons of reduction to be insisted on for Alexander Kincaid bookseller in Edinburgh, against the daughter of Lt. George Skene, 12 February 1744.
 186. NOTE of the process of reduction maills and duties Alexander Kincaid, bookseller in Edinburgh, adjudger of the lands of Gogar Mains against John Skene eldest son to the deceased Lt. George Skene. Elizabeth Currie relict of the said George and now transferred against Elizabeth as heir to John her brother, John Somervell, tenant in Over Gogar, Helen Thomson, relict of John Cunningham, sometime tenant there and Thomas and Robert Cunningham their son.
 187. ACCOUNT rendered by William Eliott, writer in Edinburgh to Mrs Skeen, widow of Lt George Skeen and Elizabeth Skeen, her daughter, 1738-44. Discharged Edinburgh, 3 August 1744.
 188. DISCHARGE James More of Stonnywood to John MacKenzie of Ardross for 4000 merks due as tocher with Margaret Mackenzie his eldest daughter. At Ardross, 24 November 1744. Witnesses: Colin MacKenzie of Breackach, Murdoch Mackenzie son to Ardross and Murdoch Mackenzie of Cline.
 189. HORNING AND POINDING at the instance of Elizabeth Skene only daughter of the deceased Lt George Skene against Elizabeth and Helen Skene sisters of the said Lt George for sums of money and household plenishing of the said Lt George [part missing]. Endorsed with executions by George Glas, Rothesay herald 31 July 1745. Witnesses: George Steuart and James Briges, councill posts in Edinburgh and 16 August 1745. Witnesses: George Steuart and George Weston, council posts in Edinburgh.
 190. MEMORANDUM for James Clarkson in behoof of Elizabeth Skeen and her mother (including inventory of plenishing, 25 August 1746).
 191. INTERLOCUTOR in the action Alexander Kincaid, against Elizabeth Skene, 4 January 1749.
 192. MEMORIAL for Elizabeth Skene regarding action against Alexander Kincaid, 21 July 1749.
 193. REPRESENTATION for Elizabeth Skeen and her mother in the action against Alexander Kincaid, 11 December 1749. [Thomas Kincaid fled to Holland after the murder of his wife].
 194. PETITION to the magistrates of Edinburgh by Elizabeth Skene daughter of the deceased Lt George Skene and her mother to prohibit Elizabeth Skene sister to the said Lt George from selling any of her property and furniture, 27 February 1752.

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195. Draft OBLIGATION Mr John Skene of Halzardis to pay the teinds of Halbarnes and Halzairdis to the King if he be found liable. Edinburgh, 23 April 1630. Witnesses: Sir Thomas Hoip of Craighall and Mr William Maxwell his servitor.
196. INVENTORY of the writs delivered to Mr Robert Learmonth, advocate, pertaining to Mr John Skene concerning the lands of Halzairdis and Halbarnes, 25 documents 1560 – 6 May 1630 listed.
197. Double of 196.
198. Exchequer RECEIPT to Mr John Skene for the fueduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 31 July 1630.
199. OBLIGATION by Mr Alexander Skene, keeper of the register of hornings and inhibitions and Mr John Skene his son to Mr John Skene of Halzairdis for 600 merks. Edinburgh, 1 March 1631. Witnesses: John Duff, merchant burgess of Aberdeen, Alexander Young, servitor to Gilbert Williamsone, merchant burgess of Edinburgh and Mr William Skene servitor to Halzairdis.
200. Exchequer RECEIPT to Mr John Skene for the fueduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 30 July 1631.
201. DISCHARGE by Mr John Oliphant, sheriff clerk of Edinburgh to Mr Robert Leirmonth, advocate, Mr John Skene and Walter Hay curators to Helen, Anna and Elspeth Hay executors and daughters to Sir Alexander Hay of Forrestarsait, Kt. for annual rent of 3,300 merks. Edinburgh, 1 December 1631.
202. OBLIGATION by Walter Stewart, gentleman of His Majesty's privy chamber to his brother german Mr John Stewart to cause John Somervell in the Tounheid of Cambusnethan or another of like quality to furnish him with clothes (specified) and support him for the rest of his life. Written by John Wilkie, writer in Edinburgh. Edinburgh, 18 May 1632. Witnesses: William Lord Blantyre, Mr John Skene, clerk of session, John Dunlop advocate and James Keith his servant.
203. Extract registered general DISCHARGE Walter Stewart, gentleman of His Majesty's privy chamber to Mr John Skene, clerk of session, Edinburgh 18 May 1632. Witnesses: William Lord Blantyre, John Dunlop, advocate and James Keith his servant. Registered Edinburgh, 23 May 1632.
204. Extract registered OBLIGATION Mr Alexander Skene, Janet Syme his spouse and Mr John Skene their oldest son to Jean Halyburtone, relict of Samuell Somervell, merchant burgess of Edinburgh for £297:13:4 as the price of goods furnished by her. Edinburgh, 20 December 1631. Witnesses: John Cwnynghame, servitor to Mr Alexander Skene, Walter Douglas servitor to the said Jean and Mr John Book son to the deceased John Book, merchant burgess of Edinburgh and Lawrence Skene servitor to the said Mr John. Registered at Edinburgh 6 December 1632.

205. Exchequer RECEIPT to Mr John Skein for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairds, 31 July 1632.
206. Copy SUMMONS for exhibiting writs of Halzairdis 9 October 1633 [Badly faded and parts illegible].
207. TACK by way of contract at Edinburgh 13 January 1634 by Mr John Skene of Halyairdis to William Bone in Nortoune 22 acres of that croft called the Halcroft presently possessed by John Scheill in Halbarnis, which croft is estimated to 23 acres of mucked land but one is possessed by John Kincaid which is not included, and also the Byrecroft estimated to 6 acres of mucked land and also the lands called Easter and Wester [] estimated to 9 acres of mucked land presently possessed by Bessie Crow, relict of the deceased John Hodge in Halbarnes and also that croft of mucked land called the Lordis Mailling presently possessed by Mr John Skene and also 8 acres of outfield called Easter Ryhills possessed previously by Philippe Wilson in Halbarnes and now by Mr John Skene and also 8 acres of outfield of Wester Ryhillis previously possessed by James West in Toddishawche and now by Mr John Skene and also a portion of the lands of Wester Ryhillis both mucked and outfield with lands called Gairdielandis both mucked and outfield so much as lies east of the untilled rig and Kairtgaitt which comes directly south and north along the stankside which is at the east end of the braid and Chaippell meadows and also two dwelling houses in Halbarnes and the eastmost two of the three barns in Halbarnes and the half of the barnyard for 19 years paying therefore 22 bolls wheat, 22 bolls bear, 22 capons, 22 hens and 22 carriages of coals & 10 bolls wheat, 20 bolls bear, 8 capons & 9 hens, 15 carriages of coal, 8 bolls wheat, 14 bolls bear, 31 bolls meal, 6 capons, 6 hens and 12 carriages of coal. The victual to be carried to Edinburgh, Leythe, Linlythgow or any other place within 7 miles, & to furnish 4 men for haymaking, etc. Witnesses: Mr John Dunlop, minister at Ratho, John Nicolsone servitor to Mr John Skene, Mr Robert Littlejohn & John Brysone, servitor to Mr John Skene.
208. DECREIT at the instance of Elspeth Halyburtoun, youngest daughter to the deceased James Halyburtoun merchant burgess of Edinburgh and Peter Rollok fear of Piltoun her spouse and Mr John Rollok of Pilton commissar of Dumblane his father against Mr Alexander Skene keeper of the general register of hornings for nonpayment of rent of a house on the north side of High Street, Edinburgh. Edinburgh, 4 March 1634.
209. Draft LETTER [] to Sir John Prestoun about bond of Mr Alexander Skene, Edinburgh, 16 January 1635.
210. INFORMATION for Mr John Skene about titles to the lands of Halzairdis, March 1635.
211. INVENTORY of writs of the lands of Halyardis and Halbarnes, 1627-1635 [after 30 May 1635].

212. INVENTORY of writs of the lands of Halyardis and Halbarnes, 1627-1635 [after 30 May 1635].
213. Exchequer RECEIPT to Mr John Skene for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 14 July 1635.
214. INSTRUMENT at EDINBURGH 17 December 1635 recording redemption by Mr John Skene of Halyairdis by his procurator James Skene, writer in Edinburgh from Alexander Skene his son of an annualrent of 500 merks from the barony of Cumbusnethone disposed to the said Mr John and Alison Rig his spouse by Sir James Sommervell of Cambusnethane Kt with consent of John Sommervell of Cambusnethane his father. Witnesses: John Stewart, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, Alexander Hamiltoune, indweller in Edinburgh, Robert Symontoune brother to the laird of Symontoune, John Peirsonne, servitor to the said Walter Hay, Sir John Sinclair of Hirdmestoune Kt, George Gordone messenger, Walter Lyndsay, post, indweller in Edinburgh, Patrick Alesone servitor to the said Mr John Kynneir and John Symsonne, writer in Edinburgh. Notary: John Nicolsonne.
215. Extract registered DISCHARGE by Helen Hay, eldest daughter to the deceased Mr Alexander Hay of Forrestersait Kt, Lord of Session with consent of Mr Archibald Johnnestoun, advocat her spouse for her share of a bond by her father to her and her sisters Anna and Elizabeth Hay (6000 merks to Helen 4500 to the others) dated 28 Jan. 1621 to Mr John Skene of Halzairdis on behalf of Alexander Hay of Warestone. Edinburgh, 26 December 1635. Witnesses: Mr Robert Leirmonthe of St Nicolas, advocate, Mr John Leirmonthe his son, Robert Pittindreiche servitor to the said Mr Archibald, and Mr Alexander Carmichael, servitor to John Leirmonth, writer.
216. Extract registered general DISCHARGE by Alexander Hay of Warreistoun son and heir of the deceased Sir Alexander Hay of Forrestersait, Kt. to Mr John Skene of Halyairdis his tutor and curator. At Edinburgh, 4 January 1636. Witnesses: James Skene, Edward Creichton, and John Nicolsonne servitors to the said Mr John Skene. Registered Edinburgh, 1 February 1636.
217. DISCHARGE by Mr Patrick Hendersoun reader at St Geillis kirk of Edinburgh with consent of William Lord of Blantyre his assignee to Mr Alexander Skene some time clerk of the register of hornings of a bond granted by Mr Alexander and Mr John Skene his son as principals and William, Lord Blantyre as cautioner on 21 January 1631 to the said Mr Patrick whom failing to Patrick his son. Written by Patrick Dicksoun, writer in Edinburgh. At Edinbruche, 27 February 1636. Witnesses: Mr Robert Learmonthe of St Nicolas advocate, Mr John Learmonth his son and John Nicolsonne, writer in Edinburgh.
218. Extract registered RATIFICATION by Alexander Hay of Warriston son & heir of Sir Alexander Hay of Forrestersait of his father's bond of provision of 10,000 merks in favour of his daughters (granter's sisters)

- Helen, Anna and Elizabeth. Edinburgh, 25 February 1636. Witnesses: Mr Alexander Peirsoun, advocate, John Nicolsoun servitor to Mr John Skene, and Mr John Row minister at Carnock. Registered Edinburgh, 29 February 1636. [Document much wasted by damp].
219. Mutual BOND at Edinburgh, 4 April 1636 between Mr Archibald Johnstoun advocate on the one part and Anna and Elizabeth Hay, his sisters in law, with consent of Mr Robert Leirmont of St Nicolas advocate and John Skene of Halzairds and Walter Hay, advocate their curators on the other part for recovery and application of certain sums due by bond (specified). Witnesses: John Lermont W.S. Mr Alexander Carmichell his servant and Mr John Lermont son to Mr Robert Lermont.
220. As 219 but written by George Sibbald servitor to John Leirmont, W.S.
221. DISCHARGE Mr Alexander Skene, sometime clerk of the register of hornings with consent of Mr John Skene of Halzairdis his brother to Mr Alexander Kynneir for himself and on behalf of Harie Kynneir of Forret his brother for 100 merks as monthly payment due to John Nicolsone, servitor to Mr John Skene and assigned to the granter. At Edinburgh, 8 July 1636. Witnesses: James Skene and John Nicolsone foresaid.
222. Extract registered DISCHARGE Alexander Hay, son and heir to Sir Alexander Hay of Forresterseatt to two of his tutors Mr Robert Lermont of St Nicolas and Mr John Skene of Halzairdis having reached the age of twentyone. At Edinburgh, 28 November 1636. Witnesses; Mr John Row minister at Carnock, John Nicolsone servitor to the said Mr John Skene and John Couper, younger of Gogar. Registered at Edinburgh, 1 February 1637.
223. INVENTORY of writs which belonged to the deceased Robert Ker, brother german to Thomas Ker of Mersingtoune, 40 documents, 1642-57, listed, mostly bonds and discharges.
224. DECREET at Edinburgh, July 1637 at the instance of Mr John Skene of Halyardis against Walter Somervell in Gr[ene] field and George Johnnestoun in Northbovingschaw and William Bone, tenant in Halzards, for his interest for nonpayment by Walter Somervell of rents of the lands of Halyards and Halbarns occupied by him for crops 1635 end 1636 to make forthcoming certain oxen and sheep arrested in part payment of the debt.
225. Extract registered RATIFICATION by William Fairlie of Browntisfield having reached the age of 21 of his marriage contract with Elizabeth Skene now his spouse made 26 July 1636 between him with consent of Sir Robert Fairlie of Braid Kt, William Seatoune son to the deceased Sir William Seatoune of Killismwne Kt, Mr James Fairlie then designed minister at Edinburgh and now Bishop of Argyll and Mr John Olyphant sheriff clerk of Edinburgh on the one part and Mr John Skene of Halzairdis on the other part. At Edinburgh, 31 October 1636. Witnesses: John Mudie, W.S., James Belsches brother to the

- deceased John Belsches of Toftis advocate and John Nicolsonsone servitor to Mr John Skene. Registered Edinburgh, 2 February 1638.
226. Extract registered DISCHARGE William Fairlie of Bruntisfield with consent of James, Bishop of Argyll and of his other curators and of Margaret Skene his spouse to Mr John Skene of Halyards for 20,000 Merks due under his marriage contract. At Edinburgh and Hadingtoun, 10 & 12 [part missing]. Registered Edinburgh, 2 February 1638.
227. Exchequer RECEIPT to Mr John Skene for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 11 July 1638.

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228. Extract registered DISCHARGE Robert Richartsoun of Pencaitland to Sir John Skene of Curriehill for 1000 merks due as tocher for Eupham Skene his daughter due by marriage contract dated 14 December 1609. Written by William Young servitor to Alexander Dunlope, writer. At Edinburgh, 23 November 1610. Witnesses: James Curle, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, James Skene, and Laurence Skene servitor to the said Sir John. Registered Edinburgh, 26 November 1610.
229. Double of 228.
230. Extract registered DISCHARGE Mr Alexander Hay of Forrestersait to Sir John Skene of Curriehill for 6000 merks due as tocher for Katherine Skene his daughter by marriage contract dated 14 December 1607. Edinburgh, 29 June 1608. Witnesses: Mr John Hay and Robert Innes servitors to the granter and Mr Alexander Skene son to Sir John. Registered Edinburgh, 6 October 1612.
231. Extract registered CONTRACT at Edinburgh 3 November 1648 between William Fairlie, son to the deceased Mr Alexander Fairlie merchant burgess of Edinburgh nearest agnate to the children of the deceased William Fairlie of Bruntisfield on the one part and Margaret Skene, relict of the said deceased William on the other part whereby William gives up his right of tutory in favour of Margaret Skene while she remains alive and unmarried and Margaret Skene agrees to pay 250 merks yearly to the said William and his mother Helen Dennistoun during the tutory. Witnesses: Mr David Heriot eldest son to Mr David Heriot, advocate and John Nicolsonsone, writer in Edinburgh,
232. PROCURATORY OF RESIGNATION by Sir James Skene, eldest son to Sir John Skene of Curriehill Kt (appointing Mr Robert Leirmonth, advocate his procurator) in favour of Mr John Skene, his brother, of his office of clerkship of the bills fulfilling a decret arbitrall to which the deceased Mr William Skene youngest son of Sir John Skene of Curriehill Kt consented. At Edinburgh, 5 March 1614. Witnesses: Thomas, Lord. Binning, principal secretary to the King, Sir Gideon Murray of Elibank Kt., treasurer depute, Patrick Innes, clerk in exchequer and James Skene writer there.

233. INSTRUMENT OF RESIGNATION following on 232. Same date and witnesses. Notary: Alexander Dunlop.
234. Mutual DISCHARGE at Edinburgh 25 March 1615 between Sir John Skene of Currihill Kt on the one part and Mr John Skene his second son as Sir Alexander Hay of Forresterseat has taken on the obligation of paying 3,000 merks owed to the said Mr John. Witnesses: James Dunlope of that ilk, Job Symson and Mr James Lawe, writers in Edinburgh and Robert Hepburne, servitor to the said Sir Alexander Hay.
235. DISCHARGE Sir John Skene of Curriehill Kt to his son Mr John Skene, clerk of the deliverance of the bills before the Lords of Session for £142:10 owed as duty on the said office. Edinburgh, 4 July 1615. Witnesses: James Skene, servitor to the granter and Laurence Skene.
236. As 235. Curriehill, 9 June 1616. Witnesses: James Skene, servitor to the granter and [] Skene.
237. DISCHARGE Sir James Skene of Currihill, Kt, Rachel Johnestoun, relict of John Jaksoun, merchant burghess of Edinburgh and William Brown, merchant burghess of Edinburgh as tutors to Rachell, Janet, Helen and Elspeth Jaksoun children and executors of the deceased John to Mr John Skene, son to Sir John Skene of Currihill, Kt. as cautioner for James Dunlop of that ilk for 550 merks due by bond. Edinburgh, 17 June 1616. Witnesses: Mr James Skene, John Smith, James Miller and Alexander Johnestoun servitors to said Sir James.
238. DISCHARGE Sir John Skene of Curriehill to his son Mr John Skene, clerk of the deliverance of the bills (as 235). Written by William Smith, servitor to Mr John. Edinburgh, 3 December 1616. Witnesses: Mr Alexander Skene, son to the granter and James Skene, servitor to the granter,
239. Extract registered DISCHARGE Sir James Skene of Curriehill to Mr John Skene his brother for 1200 merks due on a decret arbitrall to which Sir John Skene of Curriehill and William Skene his youngest son were also parties relating to the office of clerkship of the deliverance of the bills, to which Mr John was admitted. Written by Patrick Innes exchequer clerk, Edinburgh, 14 March 1614. Witnesses: James Skene servitor to Sir John Skene and Alexander Johnstoun servitor to the granter. Registered Edinburgh. 28 February 1617.
240. Extract from the TESTAMENT of William Rig, elder, merchant burghess of Edinburgh who deceased 2 July 1619 given up by William Rig younger his son confirmed executor 18 August 1620 where he declares that he leaves nothing to his daughter Alison and Mr John Skene her spouse but £1000 to their son John. Extracted 1654.
241. INVENTORY of the register books, both new and old in the possession and custody of Mr John Skene, one of the clerks of Session, beginning 1571 to this present year 1620. [65 volumes listed].

242. Copy DISCHARGE Mr John Skene, one of the ordinary clerks of session to William Rig, merchant burghess of Edinburgh as executor to William Rig, his father for £1000 left to Alison Rig his spouse, £1000 to John Skene his son, 4000 merks to Kathrene Skene his daughter and 600 merks to Helen Skene his daughter to be spent of a gold chain on her wedding day. Edinburgh 22 August 1620. Witnesses: Mr Alexander Persoun advocate and Robert Duncanson, servitor to Mr John Skene.
243. Draft SIGNATURE for a Great Seal charter in favour of Mr John Skene, one of the ordinary clerks of Session of the lands of Halzairdis and Halbarnes, (the lands of Libbertoun and 8 oxingait of Murehous, the lands of Quothquon and Cormestoun being granted in special warrandice). n.d. [c.1620].
244. Extract registered DISCHARGE John Cowper of Gogar with consent of Helen Skene his spouse to Mr John Skene, one of the ordinary clerks of the College of Justice for 12,000 merks owed by contract of marriage dated 18 May 1620 and also for a chain of gold left to Helen by William Rig elder merchant burghess of Edinburgh her grandfather. At Edinburgh, 28 December 1620. Witnesses: Mr Alexander Peirsone, advocate, David Andersone, W.S. and Robert Duncansone, servitor to Mr John Skene. Registered Edinburgh, 3 December 1624.
245. Extract registered MARRIAGE CONTRACT at Edinburgh 25 March 1619 between Sir Lues Craig of Ricartoun, Kt, Senator of the College of Justice, and Marioun Somervell daughter to the deceased Patrick Somervell burghess of Edinburgh with consent of Sir James Skene of Curriehill Kt, and of Mr John Skene, one of the ordinary clerks of session, her curators. Tocher to be 8000 merks with 10000 merks added by Sir Lues, Marioun to have the life rent thereof. Also provision to be made anent her share in the Edinburgh beir and aill society. Written by George Andersoun servitor to Thomas Crambie writer. Witnesses: William, Lord Blantyre, Mr Alexander Gibson of Burie, Alexander Chirnosye, fiar of Eistnisbit, John Belsches, Mr Robert Craig, advocates, George Grive, servitor to the said Sir Lues and the said Thomas Crambie. Registered Edinburgh, 2 April 1621.
246. Extract registered DISCHARGE John Cowper of Gogar with consent of Helen Skene his spouse to Mr John Skene, one of the ordinary clerks of the College of Justice for 12,000 merks owed by contract of marriage dated 18 May 1620 and also for a chain of gold left to Helen by William Rig elder merchant burghess of Edinburgh her grandfather. At Edinburgh, 28 December 1620. Witnesses: Mr Alexander Peirsone, advocate, David Andersone, W.S. and Robert Duncansone, servitor to Mr John Skene. Registered Edinburgh, 3 December 1624.
247. Extract registered general DISCHARGE Robert Sommervell in Coldlaw, eldest son to the deceased Adam Sommervell in Coldlaw and grandson to the deceased Robert Sommervell to Mr John Skene one of the ordinary clerks of session. William Sommervell of Puill and

- Mr Robert Learmonth the advocate his curators on reaching the age of twentyone. Edinburgh, 21 June 1623. Witnesses: Mr Andrew Rynd son to the deceased Mr Robert Rynd, minister at Longforgans, James Muschett and William Purves servitors to the said Mr John Skene. Registered Edinburgh, 24 December 1624.
248. INVENTORY of the writs of Halzairdis, 23 documents from 1563 listed. 7 July 1627.
249. OBSERVATIONS anent the progress in the writs of Halzardis, from 1560. 27 June 1627.
250. CHARTER by Thomas Lidderdaill of St Marie Ille in favour of his son and heir James Lidderdaill and Anna Mawer his spouse (daughter of Walter Mawer writer and [] Vaus) in implementation of their marriage contract dated at Edinburgh 25 November 1623, whereby they are granted ten merklands of Torris, two and a half merklands of Sanet Marie Ille, five librates of Little Galtna and ten merklands of Grange and the superiority of 21 merklands of Eytoune. At Edinburgh, 28 February 1628. Witnesses: Mr John Paip, junior, advocate, Thomas Maxwell, servitor to Mr James L[], advocate. Alexander Miller, servitor of Mr John Paip junior and Mr Robert Paip son to Mr John Paip, senior, writer.
251. Extract registered DISCHARGE John Sinclair, merchant burgess of Edinburgh to Mr John Skene, one of the ordinary clerks of session on behalf of Walter Stewart, gentleman of the kings privy chamber for 2400 merks owed on a bond dated 20 & 22 July 1625 granted by Walter Stewart, James Maxwell and Harie Gib. At Edinburgh, 5 January 1627. Witnesses: Alexander Dennestoun, merchant burgess of Edinburgh, James Cockburne, servitor to said John Sinclair, John Dennestoun son to said Alexander and John Nicolsons servitor to Mr John Skene. Registered Edinburgh, 31 April 1628.
252. Extract registered DISCHARGE William Murray, gentleman of his majesty's privy chamber and Katherine Skene his spouse to Mr John Skene one of the ordinary clerks of session father of Katherine Skene for £10000 due as tocher by marriage contract dated 18 January 1628. At Gogar, 1 September 1628. Witnesses: John Cowper of Gogar, William Scott, servitor to said William Murray, Mr William Skene, servitor to Mr John Skene and Adam Nisbet, writer in Edinburgh. Registered Edinburgh, 1 September 1628.
253. Double of 252.
254. ASSIGNATION John, Earl of Mar in favour of Mr John Skene of all bonds, removings and renunciations given by the tenants Halzardis and Halbarnes. Written by Mr William Skene servitor to said Mr John. At Holyroodhouse, 26 September 1628. Witnesses: Harie Dow of Arnehall, Alexander Sterling and John Williamson sheriff clerk of Stirling servitors to the granter.
255. INVENTORY of (a) writs concerning the 5000 merks upon the lands of Cambusnethan pertaining to Mr John Skene, his spouse and

Alexander Skene their son; 7 documents, 1621-30, listed; (b) writs concerning the 2500 merks upon the lands of Cambusnethan pertaining to John Dunlop; 3 documents, 1626 listed. [Much wasted – with nineteenth century transcript].

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256. Exchequer RECEIPT to Mr John Skene for the fueduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, July 1636,
257. CONTRACT of wodset at Bowdoun 20 December 1639 between Robert Ker called of Mersingtoun, portioner of Bowdoun and Archibald Ruther notary public whereby for £40 Scots Robert Ker wadsets certain lands in Bowdoun to the said Archibald. Witnesses: Adam Hoge servitor to James Wallace, smith in Bowdoun and Nicoll Rem[ield]sone, eldest son to William Rem[ield]sone, officer, portioner there.
258. BOND by Margaret Skeene relict of William Fairlie of Bruntsfield to Mr John Sken of Halyairds, her brother german to keep him skaithless is some affair relating to the tutorship of her children William, Margaret and Elizabeth Fairlie. At Edinburgh, 15 March 1649. Witnesses: Mr Patrick Anderson, servitor to the granter and Hew Paterson, servitor to Richard Guthrie W.S. (Much wasted to damp and vermin].
259. RECEIPT Samuel Drummond, collector for the voluntary contributions in the presbytery of Linlithgow to Mr John Skene of Halzairdis for £120 as the tenth part of his rent in the parish of Kirkliston for crop, 1639. Edinburgh, 17 April 1640.
[Endorsed with receipt by Sir John Wachop of Neddrie to Mr John Skene of Halzairdis for £12.2 - as the tenth of the tenth penny of his rent, 6 July 1640].
260. CLAIM by John Kincaid donator to the escheat of Robert Kincaid against the laird of Waristoun. [c. 1641].
261. CONTRACT at Edinburgh, 14 October 1641 between Mr John Skene of Halzairdis, one of the clerks of session on the one part and Mr John Skene, younger his son, Mary Ker his promised, spouse with consent of Thomas Ker of Mersingtoun her brother and John Ker her father in law agreeing to live in household together. Written by Richard Leirmont son to John Leirmont, W.S. Witnesses: Mr Andrew Skene of Halzairdis, Mr Alexander Pearstone and Mr Alexander Belsches of Toftis advocates and Robert Ker, brother to Thomas Ker of Mersingtoun.
262. Double of 261.
263. PROCURATORY OF RESIGNATION by Mr John Skene of Halzairdis one of the clerks of session in favour of Mr John Skene his son of the lands and barony of Halzairds and Halbarnes and others in implementation of a marriage contract dated 14 October 1641 between the said Mr John, younger, and Mary Ker with consent (as in

- 261). At Edinburgh, 24 November 1641. Witnesses: William Murray of Langhirdmanstoun, John Nicolsone, servitor to the granter, Mr Alexander Carmichael and George Sibbald, servitors to John Leirmont writer.
264. RECEIPT by Helen Sken to her father for the price of various items including jewelry, quaiches and linen, 12 February 1642.
265. INSTRUMENT OF SASINE dated 3 March 1642 following on a royal precept following on 263. Witnesses: Mr John Dunlop son to Mr John Dunlop, minister at Rapho, Philip Wilson in Halbarnes, William Sommervill and Andrew Coull servitors of Mr John Skene, senior, and James Monteith servitor to Mr John Skene, junior. Notary: John Nicolsone.
266. Exchequer RECEIPT to Mr John Skene for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, crops 1639-42. 31 July 1642.
267. Exchequer RECEIPT to Mr John Skene for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 266 for crop 1643, 26 July 1643.
268. ASSIGNATION by Sir Adam Hepburne of Humbie Kt., senator of the college of justice, collector of the general loan and tax granted by the convention of estates to Mr John Skene of Halzardes of the right to the tax from the parish of North Leith in return for payment of £205:19:10. Written by William Wright, writer in Edinburgh. Edinburgh, 16 November 1643. Witnesses: James Stoddert and James Broune servitors to the Earl of Hadintone.
269. BOND OF RELIEF James Keith, writer in Edinburgh to James Steinsoune, merchant burges, there as cautioner for Alexander Fraser of Phillorthe and Sir Alexander Irving of Drum Kt in a bond to Patrick Mauld of Panmure for £16 due as teind of the lands of Creiche and 14/- for blench duty from lands in the Abbacy of Arbroath for which they are already bound to Mr John Skene. Edinburgh, 29 December 1643. Witnesses: Walter Stewart servitor to James Steinsoune and Patrick Forbes, merchant burges of Edinburgh.
270. MEMORANDUM of Halyeard's rights on the estate of Mersingtoun. n.d. [after 8 January 1644].
271. BOND the committee of the estates of Scotland to Mr John Skeene of Halzeards, clerk to the bills for 1800 merks. Edinburgh, 12 March 1644.
272. Extract registered ASSIGNATION by Mr John Skene of Hallzeardis one of the clerks of session to Janet Skene his daughter in lieu of anything she can claim by his decease or that of her mother (deceased) Alison Rig of a bond for 5000 merks granted by James, Earl of Queensberrie, on 15 December 1642 and of a bond for 3000 merks granted by Patrick, Lord Ellibank on 9 February 1643 and of a bond for 1200 merks granted by Mr Alexander Peirsone, advocate on 3 October 1642 and of a bond for £1000 granted by Mr Alexander Belsches of Toftis, advocate on 20 September 1644. At Edinburgh, 1 November 1644. Witnesses: Mr Alexander Peirsone, advocate and

- John Nicolsoune, servitor to the granter. Registered Edinburgh, 3 December 1644.
273. DISCHARGE Helen Skene, relict of John Cowper of Gogar to Mr John Skene, elder of Halzeards her father and curator to Margaret, Alison, Helen, James and William Cowper her children for 360 merks due to Margaret as interest on 3000 merks by marriage contract with the deceased Sir Alexander Foulis of Colingtoun and Sir John Cowper now of Gogar dated 12 February 1641; for 240 merks due to Alison as interest on 2000 merks, for 160 merks due to Helen as interest on 2000 merks, for £80 due to James as interest on £1000 and also for £80 due to William as interest on £1000 all owed by the said deceased Sir Alexander. Edinburgh, 21 December 1644. Witnesses: John Nicolsone, and John Symson, writers in Edinburgh.
274. General DISCHARGE Sir John Wauchop of Nidrie Kt and Sir John Coupare of Gogare, Kt as curators to Margaret Alison Helen, James, William and Catharine Coupare children to the deceased John Coupare of Gogare, and also to Sir John Coupare factor to the deceased Alexander Coupare writer who was tutor to Catherine, Jean and Robert Coupare also children to the deceased John to Mr John Skene of Halzairdis eldest son to the deceased Mr John Skene of Halzairdis one of the clerks of session also one of the curators. At Edinburgh, 16 May 1646. Witnesses: Mr Alexander Peirson, advocate, John Sempill, W.S., and Mr John Bain, writer in Edinburgh.
275. DISCHARGE Robert Stewine, portioner of Gartqueine to Mr John Skene of Halyairdis for 100 merks deposited with the deceased Mr John Skene because of an action at the instance of James Findlay, younger merchant burges of Glasgow as assignee of James Tennent in Barresdykis. Edinburgh, 22 July 1646. Witnesses: James Diksone and Archibald Broune servitor to John Gibsone, clerk of session and John Nielsone, writer in Edinburgh. Peter Barbor, notary, attests granter's signature.
276. Exchequer RECEIPT for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 1643-46. 31 July 1646.
277. Exchequer RECEIPT for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 1646-47, 31 July 1647.
278. DECREET Alexander Horsburghe of Hucheonfield against Mr John Skene now of Halyardis heir to the deceased Mr John Skene to pay 1334 merks 6s. 8d. to Alexander Horsburghe, merchant burges of Edinburgh on his behalf arising out of an action against John, Earl of Twedaill relating to the tack duty of Sheilgrene and Whytfauldhill. Edinburgh, 10 December 1647.
279. Exchequer RECEIPT for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 1647-48. 31 July 1648.
280. INVENTORY of writs appertaining to the deceased Robert Ker, brother german to Thomas Ken of Mersingtoun relating to the lands

- of Mersingtoune and Fordellaues and various bonds. 21 items, 1643-48, listed. Hallzairds, 15 May 1657.
281. Exchequer RECEIPT for the feuduty of the lands and barony of Halzairdis, 1648-49. 19 July 1649.
282. TESTAMENT of Mr John Skene of Halzairds appointing tutors for his children and constituting John Skene his eldest son as only executor. Halzairdis, 20 June 1650.
283. RECEIPT Adam Blair of Lochwood receiver of royal rents to Mr John Skene of Halzeardis for feuduty of Halzeards for 1649-50. Stirling, 22 May 1651. Witnesses: John Ransone, and James Kirkpatrick, servitor to the lord treasurer depute.
284. Copy OBLIGATION Robert Ker brother german to Thomas Ker of Mersingtoun to give up to the said Thomas the lands of Mersingtoun and Fordelanes on payment by Mr Thomas of 8,000 merks and relieving him of certain other (specified) obligations. Written by James Don brother german to Alexander Don, clerk of Kelso. Kelso, 10 June 1647. Witnesses: Andrew Ker of Masindew and John Robieson in Spronstoune. Copy attested by Alexander Peter and William Forsyth, notaries. [End of document only].
285. DECREET OF TRANSUMPT following from an action at the instance of John Lermont, servitor to Mr Thomas Lermont, advocate against Mr John Skene of Halzairdis for the delivery of writs relating to the affairs of the deceased Robert Ker, brother german to Thomas Ker of Mersingtoun. Edinburgh, 19 June 1663. [Much wasted by damp].
286. BOND OF INFERTMENT Mr John Skein of Halzeards, Marie Ker his spouse and John Skein their eldest son in favour of George Drummond of Carlourie (who has lent 2500 merks) in an annual rent of £100 from the lands and barony of Halzeards. At Edinburgh, 2 December 1664. Witnesses: Mr David Watson, W.S., William Inglis, servitor to said George Drummond and James Halden, writer in Edinburgh. [Signatures torn away].
287. DISPOSITION by Mr John Skene of Halyeardes with consent of Marie Ker his spouse in favour of John Skene their son of the lands of Halyeardes and Halbarnes and others. Edinburgh, 31 July 1666. Witnesses: Mr David Watson, W.S., James Halden writer in Edinburgh, Mr James Lauder and Mr James Ramsay, writers in Edinburgh.
288. Extract registered ASSIGNATION Mr John Skene of Halyairds to John Skene his eldest son of various bonds, obligations and tickets mentioned. Edinburgh 31 July 1666. Witnesses: Mr David Watson W.S., and James Halden, writer in Edinburgh.
289. STENT ROLL for the reparation of the church and churchyard [of Kirkliston] imposed 1673/74.
290. ROLL of oxengates within the parish of Kirklistoune, 1674.
291. DISCHARGE Mr Patrick Skene, writer in Edinburgh to John Skene of Halyairds for the annualrent of 600 merks contained in a bond by the

- deceased John Skene of Halyairds to the deceased John Skene, uncle to the granter (discharge is now granted with consent of Anna Skene, only daughter to the said deceased John Skene. Edinburgh, 15 August 1676. Witnesses: Peter Sochon, engraver in Edinburgh and Archibald Hutchesone, gunsmith there.
292. As 291, for 200 merks as part payment of the principal of 600 merks. At Edinburgh, 22 March 1677. Witnesses: James Lumisden, merchant in Edinburgh and George Keith, writer there.
293. As 291 for annualrent of 400 merks, Edinburgh 6 April, 1680. Witnesses: Robert Cunnyngnam, student in the college of Edinburgh and James Reid, bookbinder there. Also bears receipt by Anna Skeen for £4 Scots. Edinburgh, 3 July 1680. Witnesses: Archibald Inglis and John Gibson, servitor to John Skeen of Halyeards.
294. MEMORANDUM for John Skeen of Halyards relating to financial transactions, n.d. [after 28 February 1683].
295. INVENTORY of the writs and securities of the Maines of Over Gogar and pertinents belonging to Mr Robert Kincaid. 15 documents, 1651-1704, listed.

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296. LETTER Robert Drummond to James Skene of Rubislaw. Sends extract relating to George Grochantzy, army deserter. Edinburgh, 12 May 1791. [Bears notes: 'Robert Drummond killed himself by accident two or three days after he wrote this letter (by a foulling piece)'].
297. LETTER [] Roediger to [James] Skene [of Rubislaw]. Asks Mr Skene to help the Roediger family, as he has done before, because they are very poor and in debt. Hanau, 31 May 1795.
298. LETTER [] Dern to Mr Skene (at Monsieur G. Hestermann's at Hanau). Offers to sell books. Frankfurt, 15 March 1802.
299. LETTER Jean George Remond to James Skene of Rubislaw (at Signora Patricia Moir's, Strada Babumae, Roma). Friendly letter touching on the uncertain political situation in Europe. Geneva, 12 December 1802.
300. LETTER Johan Daniel Barenfeld to Henry Jardine, W.S., Edinburgh. Relates to a trunk containing a gun etc., sent by James Skene of Rubislaw to Jardine via Nic. de Tongre (Cologne), Jaq. Martin (Rotterdam) and Robert Anderson (Leith). Hanau, 26 March 1803.
301. LETTER Joseph Man, Reichsfreiherr von Lutgendorf, to James Skene of Rubislaw. Mentions the "ugly affair" with Lady H. and Lord S.; apologises for the emotional tone of a letter to Skene on this topic and invites Skene to visit Lutgendorf. Edinburgh. 8 February 1805.
302. LETTER as 301. Unable to accept invitation; keeping trunks for Skene provided that he does not have to pay for them. (?Hamburg), 1805.

303. LETTER Le Comte de Thunn and Le Comte de Trogoff, to James Skene of Rubislaw. Thanks for letter and very useful itinerary. Edinburgh, 22 June 1806.
304. LETTER Johan Daniel Barenfeld to Colin Mackenzie of Portmore. Informs Mackenzie that James Skene has received a delivery of wine; financial matters; offers to send wine. Hanau, 11 July 1807.
305. DECREE awarding the custody of Eliane Marie Genevieve Legrand and Suzanne Marie Marcelle Edmee Legrand, minors, the children of the late M. Frantz Legrand and his wife, Madame Thiphaine Marie Lucie Germaine de Boisboissel, jointly to their mother and her second husband, M. Richard Macdonald Lucas. The members of the judicial family council which made the award were: paternal line, M. Charles Louis Legrand, retired sea captain of Toulon, the children's grandfather; M. Jean Legrand, engineer, of Neuilly-sur-Seine, the children's uncle, represented by M. Victor Morazzini, retired sea captain of Toulon; M. Alphonse Boyer, retired, sea captain of Toulon. Maternal line: Mme. Thiphaine Marie Lucie de Boisboissel of Paris, represented by M. Ferdinand Sauvan, retired sea captain of Toulon; M. Richard Macdonald Lucas of Paris, represented by M. Mouttet, retired solicitor of Toulon; Ives Marie Jacques, le Comte de Boisboissel, colonial infantry officer of Paris, the children's uncle, represented by M. Ernest Gervais, retired sea captain of Toulon; Henri Alexis Desmazures de Sechellis, Principal Naval Commissioner at Ajaccio, represented by M. Georges Champfleury, Naval Commissioner, 1st Class, of Toulon. Attached to the decree are copies of the five proxies from the Records Office of the Justiciary of the Peace, Toulon (1st and 2nd cantons), 15 February 1821.
306. LETTER [] to James Skene of Rubislaw, advocate. Requests attendance at a meeting of the contributors to the Edinburgh Academy. Edinburgh, 7 May 1823.
[On the back is a draft letter from Skene to a friend in Hanau who is to receive Skene's sons into his household. Undated.]
307. LETTER John Daniel Barenfeld to James Skene of Rubislaw. Mentions visit of Mr Jardine a relative of Skene's to Hanau; invites Skene to stay at his house during a proposed visit. Hanau, 24 October 1823.
308. LETTER Comte de Mondragon to James Skene of Rubislaw. Thanks for hospitality and itinerary which has proved most useful on a recent tour of Scotland. Lanerik, 22 July 1824.
309. LETTER Mirebeau de l'Etang to Mrs Skene of Rubislaw at Versailles. Social letter mentioning Mme Russell, Marquis de Forbin and Lady Elizabeth Lowther. Aix, 24 January 1828.
310. LETTER from [] D'Harville to James Skene of Rubislaw. Mentions help given by D'Harville to the poor of Edinburgh in gratitude for the welcome extended by the city to himself and to his compatriots. Holyrood House, 7 February 1832.

311. Copy LETTERS (l) William Forbes Skene to the magistrate of the City of Posen. Seeks certificate that two of his ancestors Robert and David Skene, who left Scotland for Poland in 1575 and 1586 respectively were citizens of Posen, n.p. n.d. (2) [] Guderian, mayor of Posen to W. F. Skene. Can only testify to David Skene (Skin); about form of certificate. Posen, 15 September 1856.
312. Copy LETTER [] Guderian, mayor of Posen to W.F, Skene. Has now proof of citizenship of Robert Skene; about form of certificate. Posen, 10 October 1856.
313. LETTER Josef Man, Reichsfreiherr von Lutgendorf, to [James] Skene of Rubislaw. Complains bitterly about behavior of one Lady Hamilton demanding £100; mentions Mr Oliphant, Mr Denovan and Dr. Schaffer. n.p., n.d. [c. 1805.]
314. ACCOUNT rendered by the laird of Dean to lady Halyards, 27 May 1702 mainly for ale and wine.
315. NOTE of fiars prices for Berwickshire, crops 1709 and 1710.
316. ACCOUNT rendered by Patrick Robertson to Lady Halyards for ale, 30 November 1723 - 9 November 1724.
317. NOTES by Lieutenant George Skene on his financial affairs [after Whitsunday, 1729].
318. NOTES on the financial affairs of Miss Skene, 9 July 1750.